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Christian Group Continues Fight For Charter

Threat of Legal Action Leads MSU to Consider Campus Crusades' Recognition

By Lillian M. Aleman
Managing Editor

In order to avoid a potential lawsuit, MSU will possibly take Campus Crusades for Christ (CCC) under its wing after the SGA denied granting them a Class III charter, said SGA President Jacob V. Hudnut.

This would be the first time the University would directly handle an organization, despite earlier statements by MSU officials who said they would stay out of the battle.

According to the Oct. 30 issue of *The Record*, Vice President for Student Development and Campus Life, Karen Pennington, said "It's their [SGA] decision to make...we work them. We advise them. But we do not take positions on their issues."

University officials were unable to be contacted late last night for comment.

CCC were supposed to go in front of the SGA legislature yesterday and speak their case for a charter, but unexpectedly, the author of the bill, Carlo A. Cole, pulled it from the meeting.

According to Cole, the bill was rescinded because "The University is going to handle it now."

CCC President, Desmond Sugar, would not comment on the situation.

"We [CCC] think it's a bit premature. I don't really want to get into anything just yet," said Sugar.

According to Hudnut, on Nov. 25, a letter was sent to the University and the SGA stating that if a charter were not given to CCC by the first

meeting of the Legislature in January 2004, a suit would be filed against the University and the SGA.

The letter also stated that the commitment be made with a guarantee of no "procedural or other bureaucratic objections," or questions asked by the Legislature.

"This executive can not wave any procedural or other bureaucratic requirements... for the consideration of charters and the freedom for recognized officers of the SGA, Inc. to ask questions

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-Carlo A. Cole,
Author of the bill for
Campus Crusades
for Christ

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MSU Track Coach Dies

Montclair State University head track and field coach Gerald "Bennie" Benson, Jr., who guided the Red Hawks into prominence on the Division III level, died on Friday evening. He was 36.

A memorial service and viewing was scheduled for last night at St. Mark AME Church at 587 Springdale Ave., East Orange.

Benson spent the last nine years with the Red Hawks, taking over a dormant program that last enjoyed success in the 1991-92 seasons. Since then, Benson elevated MSU into one of the premier programs in the nation.

"Bennie was a very special person," said MSU Director of Athletics Holly Gera. "He was a tough competitor and a great track coach. He will be very

much missed by all of us here at Montclair State. His warmth, his smile and his self-effacing sense of humor were always bright spots in the day."

Under his tutelage, Benson helped fashion three individual NCAA Division III champions and 42 All-Americans.

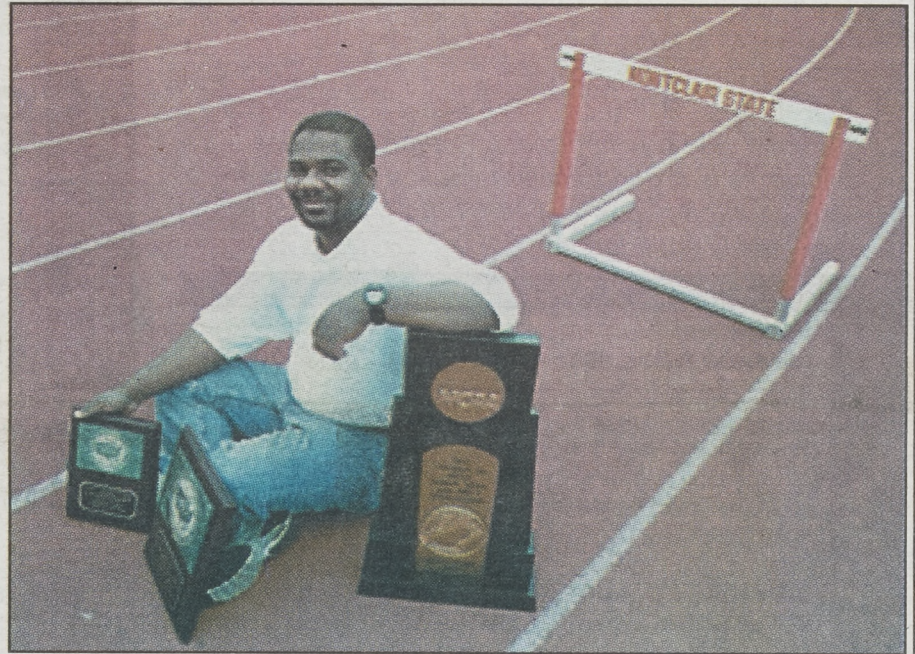
In addition, Montclair produced 50 New Jersey Athletic Conference champions and saw over 100 athletes named to the All-Conference team.

This season, MSU already

had seven athletes qualify for the NCAA Division III Championships in White-water, WI on March 12-13, including freshman sprinter Lance Wigfall and sophomore Hashan Johnson, who have posted the best performances in the country in the 400 meters and long jump, respectively.

In 2002, Benson guided the men's indoor track team to a third-place finish at the 2002 NCAA Championships - the highest finish in school

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Gerald Benson Jr. died on Friday evening. The track and field coach was 36.

U.S. Textbook Prices on the Rise

By Dennis Anderson
Assistant News Editor

The Student Government Association of America

(SGA) has announced that on March 7 it will send petitions and letters to Congress in regards to the dramatic price increase of textbooks, SGA President Jacob V.

Hudnut said.

Hudnut was first contacted on this issue early this month. "This is a national effort. I was contacted by an SGA in the mid-west that is organizing this effort," Hudnut said.

Hudnut sent an e-mail to students on Feb. 22, urging them to write petitions to Congress, via the Montclair State University SGA by March 1.

The letters and petitions should ask why the textbook [price has] increased so dramatically in comparison with the overall Consumer Goods Index, Hudnut said.

Also, it should ask how the same textbooks can be available at half price or less overseas. "Is this an antitrust violation?" Hudnut said.

In a letter from Stefanie Krueger of the student government in Ohio-based Cuyahoga Community College to Hudnut, the col-

lege revealed some figures it obtained from *The New York Times*.

"The price of educational books and supplies has risen 238 percent. The price of consumer goods overall has increased only 51 percent, according to the Consumer Price Index," Krueger said.

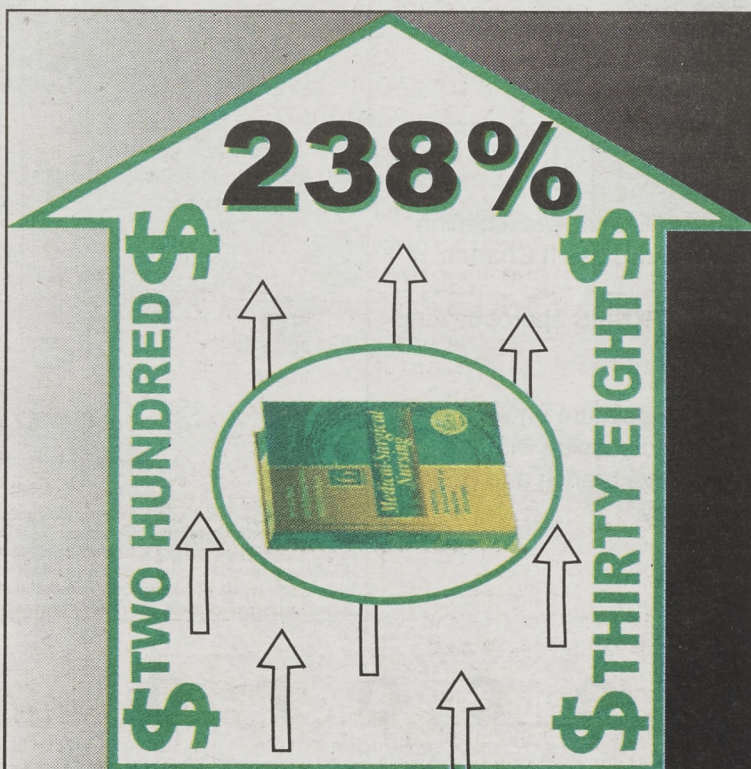
"The very same college textbooks used in the United States sells for half price or less in England," another *Times* article said.

"The publishing companies say the prices of foreign books have to be lower because the students there cannot afford to pay anything higher," the *Times* said.

"Why should it be assumed American students can afford to pay double or more?" Krueger said.

He also said that professors are paid for "reviewing" texts and for assigning

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the police report

2/21/04 - Terrell Hakim Ingram, 21, Orange, was charged with possession of CDS under 50 grams, under the influence, CDS, and hindering, and is awaiting a court date in the Little Falls Municipal Court.

2/15/04 - Adam D. Lopez, 22, Glen Ridge, was charged with simple assault and domestic violence and is awaiting a court date in the Little Falls Municipal Court. Sharon J. Velaquez, 29, Glen Ridge, was charged with simple assault, false imprisonment, domestic violence, and possession of CDS. Bail was set by the Little Falls Municipal Court Judge at \$3500 each. Both were released on his own recognizance and

are awaiting a court date in the Little Falls Municipal Court.

2/14/04 - John Gerald Breita, 24, Ford, was charged with attempted burglary, possession of burglary tools, criminal mischief, attempted theft, and criminal trespassing. Bail was set by the Clifton Municipal Judge for \$20,000 and released on own recognizance.

2/14/04 - An officer responded to Bohn Hall on a report of disorderly conduct. It was reported that a male (non-student) may have urinated in the elevator. There were no suspects located. Residence Life was apprised of the matter.

Anyone who has information regarding these incidents is urged to call the police station from any campus phone at T-I-P-S (8477). All calls are strictly confidential.

Local News

Ice Boat Sinks, Man Hospitalized

An 83-year-old Towaco man was hospitalized Sunday after his ice boat fell through the ice and sank in Lake Hopatcong in Sussex County. Merrill Stern, who plunged into the water about 1:10 p.m., was rescued by a police officer who walked out on the fragile ice and pulled Stern to safety with a rope, according to the State Police.

Man Killed Outside Fast Food Establishment

Newark police were searching late last night for the occupants of a black Jeep Grand Cherokee who they believe gunned down a hospital worker behind a restaurant earlier Saturday. Tony Heathington, 27, of Newark was shot to death, by an unknown assailant behind Jersey Fried Chicken and Pizze.

Administration's Assault-Handling Questioned

State education officials planned to discuss Roxbury school administrators' handling of last year's sexual assault against a 16-year-old girl at Monday's board of education meeting. School officials waited two months before reporting the Feb. 2003 assault in the wrestling team room. Four boys who were then members of the wrestling team have pleaded guilty to their roles in the assault.

Compiled from The Star Ledger by Dennis Anderson

National News

President Wants Gay Marriage Ban

President Bush said Tuesday he supports a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage to prevent "the meaning of marriage from being changed forever." His comments were swiftly condemned by Democratic Party leaders as an attempt to write discrimination into the U.S. Constitution.

FBI Searches for Ricin Culprit








The FBI is posting a letter on its Web site in hopes that someone will recognize the handwriting and phrases the writer used and help authorities find whoever is sending ricin through the mail. Ricin is a deadly poison with no known antidote. One of the letters was addressed to the White House but intercepted at an off-site processing facility.

Woman Saved from Near Niagra Falls Death

Only 100 feet from the brink of Niagara Falls, rescue teams late Monday afternoon kept a woman from plunging over the Canadian Horseshoe Falls and a likely death. "It appears that the 50 year-old woman entered the river at her own free will," the police statement said.

Compiled from cnn.com by Dennis Anderson

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- Spring Sports Preview

SGA News & Notes

Indian Culture Club appropriation passed.

The new campus recycling plan was reported on.

Two new legislators were sworn in.

Haitian Student Association renewed Class II Charter.

SPECTRUMS appropriation passed.

The Legislature entered a closed session with the executive branch and SGA Attorney.

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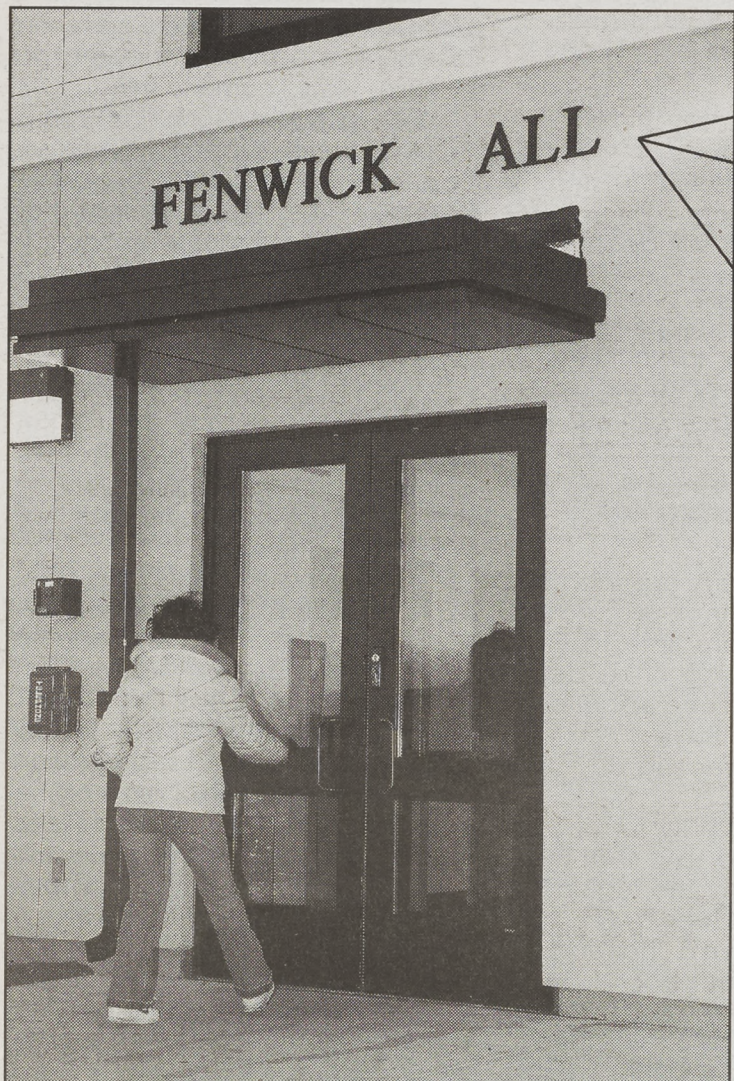
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Vandalism at The Village Costs MSU \$15K

Signage, Seating, Windows, Chairs and Bus Stops in Need of Repair



CHRIS PETERS/THE MONTCLARION

A student walks into Fenwick Hall, while the sign above is missing a letter from the word "Hall."



CHRIS PETERS/THE MONTCLARION

The "H" in hall is missing from Fenwick Hall at The Village. A total of \$15,000 in damage has been done this year.

By Theresa Cevetello
Staff Writer

Vandalism damages at the six-month-old Village total approximately \$15,000, according to the Office of Residence Life.

Some of the damages include: the removal of all signage in Count Basie Hall, \$5,000; smashed exit signs, \$7,500; concrete bench seating damage, \$1,000; burnt lounge chairs, \$640; broken glass in windows, \$400; and a damaged bus stop, \$350.

Regina Sargent, Director of Residence Life, said that this is a very frustrating issue in Residence Life because of the amount of time they spent talking to students before, during, and after construction of the Vil-

lage.

Sargent said they tried to make the Village a lovely place to live and aesthetically pleasing to students and now this is "devastating to the morale of the staff."

Karen Pennington, Vice President of Student Development and Campus Life, said that administration is saddened by the lack of maturity that some students and their guests have displayed.

Pennington said the University made a great effort to provide high quality housing and to raise the quality of life for students. That effort has been rejected.

"It is absolutely incomprehensible to me that students would pay a premium price to live in a facility," Pennington said.

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MSU Advertises Meal Plans for The Village and Clove Road

A Total of 227
Purchased
Meal Plans

By Alana Capria
Staff Writer

Recently, students living in The Village received fliers that encouraged them to purchase MSU Food Meal Plans.

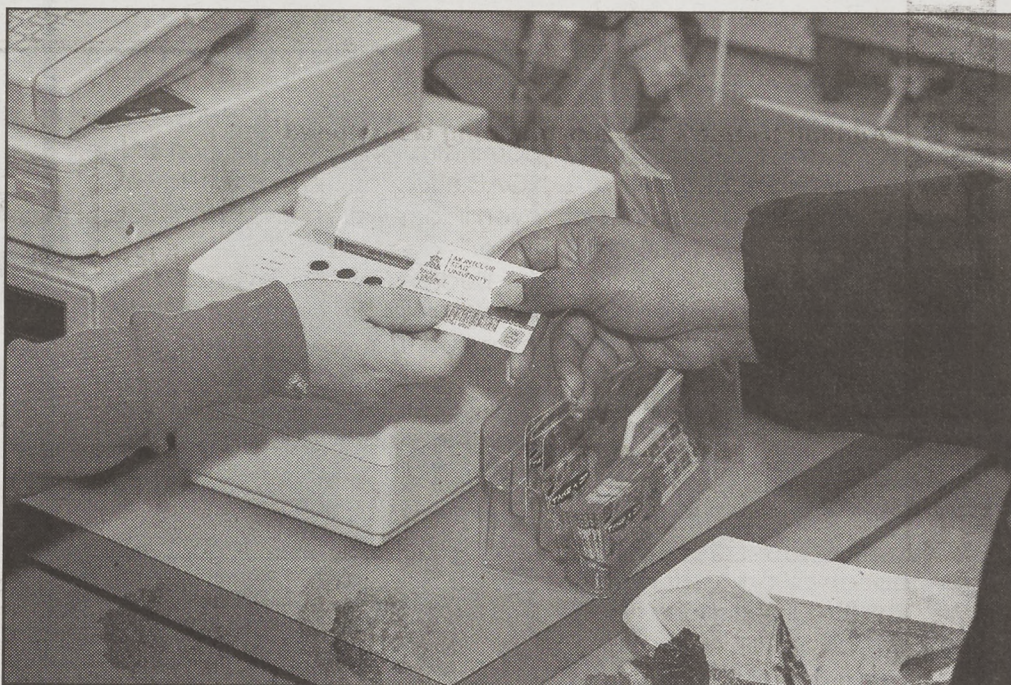
The marketing for meal plans began on Feb. 2.

According to the Vice President of Student Development and Campus Life, Karen Pennington, "Our experience has been that while many students look forward to cooking all their own means, many find that 'it isn't all it is cracked up to be.'"

"Going grocery shopping, cooking, and cleaning up after yourself can take a lot of time.

[...] Students discover all this impedes on their time for school, activities, and/or work. Many elect to purchase some sort of a plan that will allow them the opportunity to have a guarantee of meals without the time to make them," she said.

According to Andrew Pignataro, the MSU Liaison of Food Services, the Clove Road Residents have purchased 91 meal plans during the



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A Sodexo employee swipes a meal plan card. The company is hoping to be swiping more cards for its apartment-style housing residents, as it tries to court them into purchasing meal plans.

spring semester while The Village apartments have purchased a total of 136 meal plans.

After the marketing began in the Village and Clove Road, seven more residents have enrolled for a meal plan.

"Most of my time is spent on campus and I've had a meal plan for this whole year," said junior criminal justice major and Village resident,

Anna Einspahr.

"I realize now the value of a swipe is not worth the amount of money you pay for it."

Junior English major and Village resident Brian Bakes agrees with Einspahr.

"I think it's ridiculous...if they wanted us to get a meal plan, they should have built a cafeteria instead of kitchens," said Bakes.



STEVE MILLER / THE MONTCLARION

Ahmad Dadria, a cabinet member of the Muslim Student Association (MSA), engaged in a Maghrib prayer last night. MSA could potentially become a Class I organization in the near future.

MSA Continues to Strive for Class I

By Shauna Foster
Staff Writer

The Muslim Student Association (MSA) is continuing to listen for whether the Student Government Association (SGA) will approve of their eligibility to be a Class I organization.

The MSA has a total of about 100 members.

According to SGA Vice President Ron Botelho, the MSA and the SGA have a cooperative relationship.

"I would say that we have had a very productive relationship over time," said Botelho.

"Like every SGA organization, MSA has had minor procedural discrepancies from time to time, but this is not atypical of our active organizations, and according to my knowledge, they have been very responsive in correcting any such misunderstandings."

As to their eligibility for a Class I Charter, Botelho says that there isn't a reason why the legislature would not support such a bill.

"MSA does have a charter of the second degree," he said.

"Based on their past performance, if the Legislature decided to grant them a Class I charter, I'm sure that they would manage it very well," Botelho said. "Any Class II who does regular consistent programming may submit a proposal."

"MSA has an extremely good relationship with the SGA, and that any things that might be listed as 'problems', such as paperwork delay, or other such matters, have

been coincidental and are common to all SGA organizations, such that no specifics would come to mind."

Likewise, the SGA, including Botelho, proudly supports MSA activities. "As a member of the executive board, I can testify to the fact that executive board members, including myself, have attended events sponsored by MSA during our term in office."

MSA member and junior business and marketing finance major, Hamdan Ali, said, "I don't see the problem with religious organizations being a Class I organization... Maybe there will be other organizations that will try to do the same."

Although she admires the MSA, SGA legislature Amanda Gildersleeve thinks that the MSA should stay put as far as their Class position is concerned.

"I love MSA," Gildersleeve said. "They're a great organization and I hope they win Class II of the Year this year. But I do not believe they should have a Class I charter."

"We can affect the campus community and make it more enjoyable," freshmen economics major, Belal Khan said. "We can make people feel welcomed by creating a good environment, which is what we do."

But according to Gildersleeve, "Their programming, while open to the entire campus community, caters to a specific crowd," Gildersleeve said. "Class I's are charged with catering to the entire campus com-

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Textbooks

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them.

Some college professors were, or are, paid \$4,000 for reviewing and adopting a textbook, reports *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

"In 2001, Penn State received a \$30,000 check from one publishing company," Krueger said.

"The high prices we suffer from as MSU students are, generally, the same prices that most American university students are suffering from," Hudnut said.

According to sophomore ecology major, Christina Lluveras, "I paid

\$425 for my books and I don't even use them all."

According to Hudnut, "The administration is in full support of the SGA's efforts on this matter. However even if they weren't, we would continue."

Hudnut says that over 200 signatures on petitions and over 350 letters from students were received.

"It's a great idea that they are finally doing something about that," Jennifer Andreacio, a sophomore English major said.



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CCC

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during the presentation of an organization. Such actions, on the part of the executive, would be unethical and I would consider them to be impeachable offenses," said Hudnut.

According to the Oct. 30 issue of *The Record*, Mark Scott, a Campus Crusade staff member who works with the New Jersey Chapters said, "It's obvious they [SGA] are keeping us out because of our beliefs...and that goes against the Constitution of the United States."

Hudnut says that, "the denial was not a United States Constitution First Amendment issue because the SGA had not forbidden the organization from expressing themselves on the campus, but had simply denied them access to our programming funds and recognition under the SGA name."

On October 22, the SGA President, Jacob V. Hudnut, vetoed the legislative decision to grant a Class III charter to the organization.

The week before, the legislature voted that CCC becomes a Class III organization on the cote of 27-13. SGA bills require a 2/3 vote of the legislature to pass.

According to Hudnut, the bill to make CCC a Class III organization because, "the grounds for this veto are not routed in any principle or belief found in the organization's charter request form...rather, the presentation by the proposed organization's president is what prohibits me from signing the bill into law."

history. The Montclair women's team also enjoyed success as they finished eighth at the 2002 Indoor Championships, which was the second-highest finish in school history.

The men's team also finished second at the ECAC Championships, marking the team's highest finish.

During the 2002 outdoor season, the Red Hawks continued their history-making year as the men's team finished seventh at the NCAA Championships, while the women's team also placed seventh, tying the best-ever finish by an MSU women's team at the NCAA Outdoor Championships.

Understandably, his peers lauded Benson with honors. In 2002 he was named as the NCAA Men's Indoor National Coach of the Year, as well as, the 2002 NCAA Men's Regional Indoor Coach of the Year.

The Senate of the State of New Jersey also honored him in 2002 for his coaching accomplishments. After the 2000 and 2001 Indoor seasons, Benson was selected as the NJAC Men's Indoor Coach of the Year. He was also the 1998 NCAA Women's Regional Indoor Coach of the Year.

A native of Pittsburgh, Benson graduated from West Mifflin High School in 1985. He earned a Bachelor's degree in Sports Management from Robert Morris College (now Robert Morris University) in 1991.

Benson was the father of three children - Chartara, Gerald III, and Brandon.

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BENSON BY THE NUMBERS

42	NCAA Division III All Americans
3	NCAA Division III National Champions
4	NCAA Regional Athletes of the Year
1	NCAA Record Holder
50	NJAC Champions
100+	All NJAC All Conference performers
10	ECAC Champions
13	NJAC Track and Field Athletes of the Year
2	NJAC Conference Athletes of the Year
15	NCAA Academic All Americans
2	NCAA Post Graduate Scholarship Winners
2	New Jersey State Division III Scholar Athletes of the Year

MSA

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Chiropractic... The Choice For Me

Jason Kucma is a Third-Year student from Medford, NJ. He graduated from Ithaca College with a Bachelor's Degree in Exercise Physiology concentrating in Cardiac Rehabilitation.

"The only thing that has ever captured my attention was studying the human body. The more I learned in school, the more I needed to know. The most logical step for me was to become a Doctor of Chiropractic so I could truly help people."

Before making his decision to attend Logan, Jason visited nearly half of the chiropractic colleges in the United States. "Logan is in the perfect location in a safe, residential area. The Admissions staff are very friendly and helpful and the faculty are excellent."

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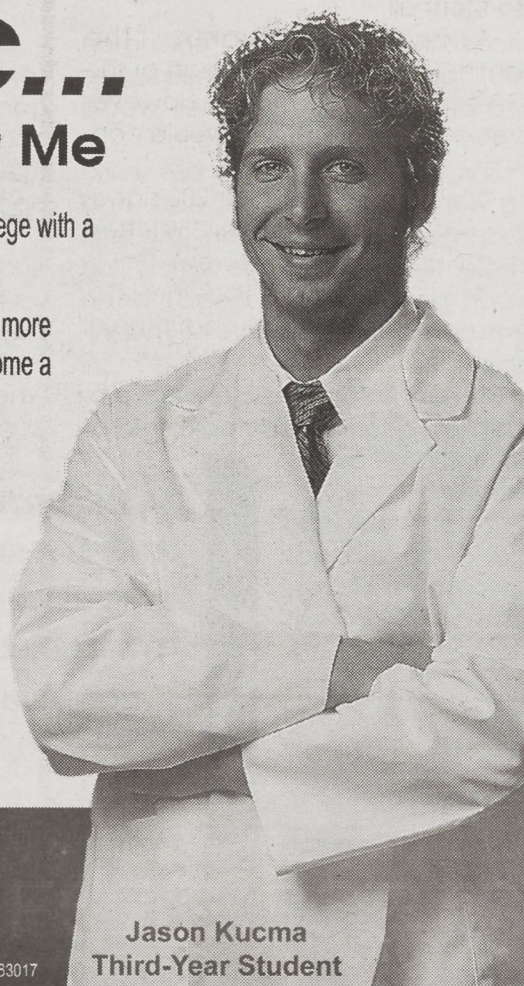
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Jason Kucma
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munity."

"MSA's horizons would have to be drastically broadened to do the programming of a Class I, and I believe that would take something away from the wonderful work they do in promoting their specific culture and heritage," Gildersleeve said.

Botelho, however, believes that the MSA should still make an attempt.

"I have not seen their written proposal yet, but I don't see any reason why any of our [other] Class II organization[s] who conduct regular programming and are in good standing with the SGA should feel as though they should not apply for a Class I charter," he said.

"Whether or not they deserve it will be based on the proposal they present and, ultimately, the decision of the Legislature as a whole."

Members of the MSA said that they were an "all around organization" due to the fact that they have speakers come in, they have dinners for all students, and in April they are going to have a comedian come in.

"Us becoming a Class I organization might motivate the others to be more active," said freshman biology major and MSA member Humaira Khalil.

The MSA members spoken to said they are confident about getting a Class I organization charter.

News Shorts...

Poetry at Yogi Berra

In celebration of National Poetry Month and baseball season, four all-star New Jersey poets will be at bat at the Yogi Berra Museum for an April Seventh inning discussion. The event is open to college, high school and middle school students, as well as the general public. The cost is free.

Poets Susanna Rich, Edwin Romond and BJ Ward will read and discuss poetry on baseball and perhaps other themes out of the ballpark. In addition, poet and program producer Chris Parker, along with Ms. Rich and Mr. Ward, will host writing workshops. Registration for these workshops is suggested.

Affirmative Action

Attorney Jonathan Alger will speak today, Affirmative Action Day, at the Student Center, rooms 411 to 414.

Alger is Assistant General Counsel and adjunct faculty member at the University of Michigan. He coordinated the University's work on the admissions lawsuits and continues to work on related affirmative action matters. He also provides leadership in the areas of intellectual property, media and information law, and cyberspace legal issues. In the winter term, he teaches Higher Education Law at the Law School. Alger previously served as chief counsel for the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) in Washington, DC.

He has spoken and written extensively on diversity and other legal issues in higher education, and has twice traveled to Germany to give a series of lectures on American higher education law for policy-makers and educators. Alger is a graduate of Swarthmore College and Harvard Law School.

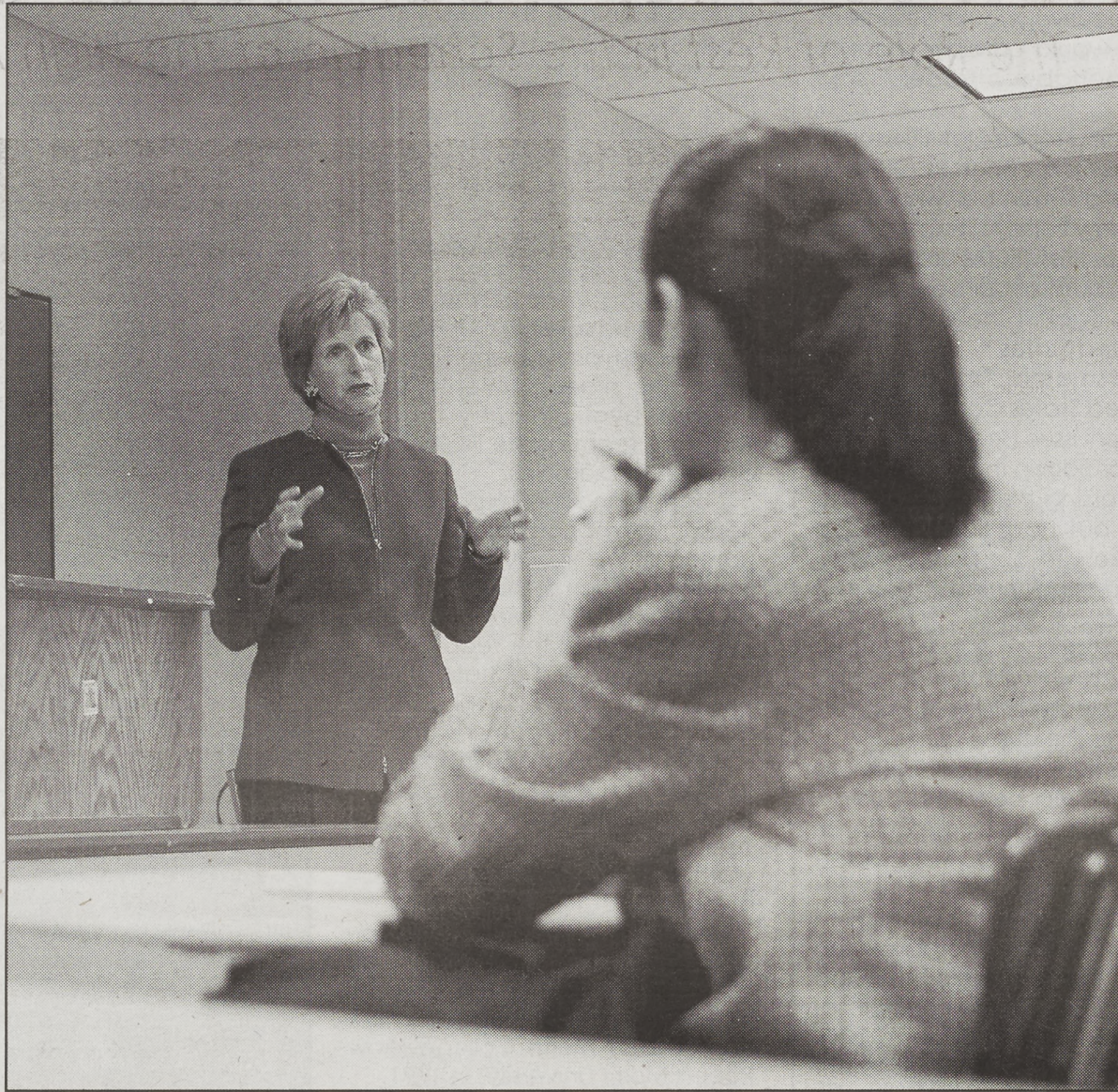
Today is the 50th Anniversary of Brown vs. Board of Education, the 30th Anniversary of the PCAA at MSU and African American Heritage Month.

Blackboard

On the heels of a successful pilot project, the enterprise version of the Blackboard on-line course management system was rolled out to the entire University at the start of academic year 2003/4. Every course listed by the Registrar's office is available on Blackboard, meaning that they are fully populated with the class roster, which gets updated daily based on drops and new registrants, and faculty have the option of utilizing the Blackboard program to add an online learning component to their teaching.

Approximately 33 percent of courses offered at the University (932 out of 2,864) are utilizing the Blackboard application and interest continues to grow.

Women as Political Figures in History



NASTASSIA A. DAVIS / THE MONTCLARION

Former New Jersey Governor, Christine Todd Whitman visited the "Women, Power and Politics in Early Modern Europe" class Tuesday. Whitman spoke about her experiences in politics.

Vandalism

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price to live in a facility," Pennington said, "and then respect themselves and others so little that they would actively work at damaging it."

Sargent said that they are working with campus police, staff, and students to make this stop. She said a letter telling students to watch and report anything has already been sent out to the residents of The Village.

Sargent said using a reward program has been considered as well as setting cameras into place.

"That would be sad, to have to set up cameras," Sargent said. "Why is the behavior happening?"

Pennington said that efforts will be made to screen those assigned to The Village for previous judicial violations.

"But most importantly," Pennington said, "what can be done and is being done is to encourage those who are not damaging things and who see or hear about the damage being done to report it to the authorities."

Jacob V. Hudnut, SGA President, said, "This is not reflective of the good nature of our student body and that together we can keep an eye on our community and deter this behavior."

Sargent said that the cost of The Village next semester will probably go up 4 percent, if not higher, in order to pay for repairs.

"Unfortunately, this is a situation where we have to start billing the community," Sargent said.

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-Reginia Sargent,

Director of Residence Life

pleasant.

Although underclassmen will not be allowed to live in The Village next semester, both Sargent and Pennington said that it should not be assumed that the sophomores who were living in the Village this year are responsible for the vandalism.

"Since we do not yet know who the major culprits might be," Pennington said, "it would be unfair to assume that underclassmen are necessarily less mature in this regard than their junior, senior and graduate counterparts."

Sargent said that people are alluding that damages are being done by drunk individuals, and it's not.

"We do not have enough evidence to link the two together," Sargent said.

"Will it stop if we ban alcohol? I don't know."

Hudnut said that the vandalism at The Village is an example of a few individuals ruining things for the rest of the students.

"It is very disheartening that a handful of people are tearing the place up," Sargent said.

Pennington said whoever is accountable for the damage will be found.

"We are determined to discover who is responsible," Pennington said.

"I want to assure the residents that the University will hold them accountable so that all other students are able to live in the Village in peace and the style we all intended."

How to Sleep Your Way to a Better GPA

The Role of Rest in the Schedule of the High Achieving Student

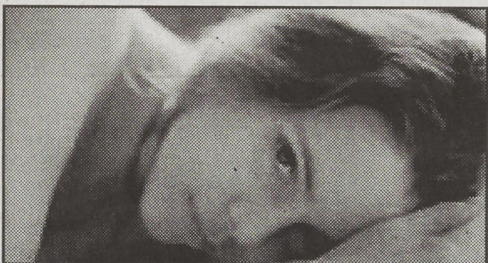
By James Carpentier - C.S.C.S.
Staff Writer

Burning the midnight oil? Burning the candle at both ends? These popular sayings may often be linked with physical and mental burnout. If grades and athletic performance have recently slipped, Montclair State University students may indeed attribute the cause to poor sleep habits. And that also goes for MSU faculty and staff who may occasionally be sleep-deprived.

Researchers are finding the multiple benefits of a good night's sleep including enhanced immunity to illness, slowing the aging process, maintaining a healthy weight and avoiding obesity, preserving muscle, and preventing conditions such as hypertension, heart disease, and diabetes, according to *Natural Health* magazine (March 2003). And, for those preparing for upcoming exams, getting a good night's sleep before a test can improve your chances of passing, according to an article by the Associated Press (Oct. 8, 2003). The AP reported that "getting a good night's sleep before a big exam might be better than pulling an all-nighter. A study found that sleep apparently restores memories that were lost during a hectic day."

A Sleep-Deprived Nation

Sleep deprivation abounds. Another Associated Press story (Jan. 21, 2004) states "Some 70 million Americans are



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believed to be sleep deprived, contributing to accidents, health problems, and lower test scores." And sleep deprivation is rampant on college campuses, too. In a *New York Times* article (Sept. 2, 2003), Dr. Roseanne Armitage, director of the Sleep and Chronophysiology Laboratory at the University of Michigan Depression Center said, "There's no ques-

tion that college kids are sleeping less than they used to." (In 2002, college students averaged six to 6.9 hours of sleep nightly, much less than the recommended eight to 9.25 and down from seven to 7.5 during the 1980s). And depression among college students has also been associated with sleep deprivation, according to *The New York Times*. Psychologists at Kansas State

University did a study and found that the number of college-age students treated for depression has doubled since 1989. More than 10,000 students at more than 100 colleges participated in the study.

Insomnia also results when you burn the midnight oil. *The New York Times* cited Dr. John F. Greden, chairman of the University of Michigan's psychiatry department: "We have pretty good evidence that staying up all night and then trying to catch up with an erratic schedule of naps quickly creates a situation called delayed sleep phase insomnia.

This is the kiss of death for mood regulation." Dr. Greden said that many students are up until 3 a.m., sleep until 1 p.m., try to catch up with a nap and then repeat the scenario each night. "But getting back on schedule for 8 or 9 a.m. is difficult. The student's sleep is perpetually disrupted, as if they had jet lag, and especially for those with a vulnerability to depression, the patterns are likely to be a risk factor."

How Sleep Affects Athletes

While a good night's sleep can positively affect both academic and athletic performance, too much sports and exercise impacts sleep.

Over-trained athletes—from excessive exercise, practices and games—may have difficulty falling asleep.

Men's Journal magazine reported in April 1999 that "overtraining presents a vicious paradox: The more you train, the weaker you get. You're constantly tired, but you have trouble sleeping."

On the other hand, balancing sufficient exercise and minimizing overtraining improves sleep quality. And getting the recommended eight hours of peaceful sleep promotes recovery not only between

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Everyday Angels Take Over the Ramp

Body Acceptance Week Conducts Fashion Show Starring Ordinary People

By Disha Harjani
Assistant Features Editor

Disco lights swarmed the walls, as common lights grew dim. Music from the 'Run Lola Run' soundtrack had the audience tapping their feet, as they waited in anticipation for the show to begin. They cheered so loudly that the music almost drowned amidst the applaud. Last minute microphone-checks indicated that the stage was ready to embrace what was set to be a national tribute to honor those who 'keep it real' in life; us – the common people. "I'm Too Sexy for My Wings: A Fashion Show for Everyday Angels"

66 WE HAVE ORDINARY PEOPLE HERE SHOWING OFF THEIR FAVORITE EVERY-DAY CLOTHES, WHICH JUST SAYS THAT EVERYONE IS SEXY IN THEIR OWN WAY. 99

took place on Feb. 23, 2004 at 8 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom C. It was one of the many events that adorned the MSU calendar in the past week. As part of the Body Acceptance Week, which was nationally recognized from Feb. 23, to the 27, this fashion show featured the ordinary people flaunting characteristics that make them extraordinary. For the past four years, Montclair State University has observed this celebration by coordinating

exhibitions and workshops that communicate the importance of loving one's own body. This year, a fashion show seemed appropriate for obtaining such an objective. The Department sponsoring the event was the Wellness Education. Other organizations that aided in putting this event together were, Women Achieving Victory,



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The catwalk gave 'the rest of us' a chance to strut our stuff.

Equality, and Solidarit (W.A.V.E.S.) organization, and The Department of Justice.

Emceeding the show were John Velasco, Coordinator of the Department of Justice and Marie Cascarano, Wellness Education Coordinator and the woman in charge of managing this event. In a personal interview with *The Montclarion*, Cascarano explained, "the message being sent out through this fashion show is that beauty comes in all shapes, sizes, and colors. We have ordi-

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

By Groove Phi Groove
Special to Montclarion



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Who is Rita Dove?

Rita Dove is currently a Commonwealth Professor of English at the Uni-

versity of Virginia in Charlottesville. Doesn't sound like much yet, but one would be amazed by the number of goals Ms. Dove has accomplished in her young career. Rita Dove served as Poet Laureate of the United States

and Consultant to the Library of Congress from 1993 to 1995.

She has received numerous literary and academic honors, among them the 1987 Pulitzer Prize in Poetry the 1997 Sara Lee Front-runner Award, the 1997 Barnes & Noble Writers for Writers Award, the 1996 Heinz Award in the Arts and Humanities and the 1996 National Humanities Medal and, most recently, the 2003 Emily Couric Leadership Award and the 2001 Duke Ellington Lifetime Achievement Award.

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Ms. Dove was born in Akron, Ohio in 1952. A 1970 Presidential Scholar, she received her B.A. summa cum laude from Miami University of Ohio and her M.F.A. from

the University of Iowa. She also held a Fulbright scholarship for the Universität Tübingen in Germany.

She has published poetry collections such as,

Museum (1983), *Grace Notes* (1989), *Selected Poems* (1993), *Mother Love* (1995), *On the Bus with Rosa Parks* (1999), a book of short stories, *Fifth Sunday* (1985), the novel *Through the Ivory Gate* (1992), essays under the title *The Poet's World* (1995), and the play *The Darker Face of the Earth*, which had its world premiere in 1996 at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival and was subsequently produced at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., the Royal National Theatre in London, and other theatres.

Seven for Luck, a song cycle for soprano and orchestra with music by John Williams, was pre-



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miered by the Boston Symphony Orchestra at Tanglewood in 1998.

For "America's Millennium", the White House's 1999/2000 New Year's celebration, Dove contributed - in a live reading at the Lincoln Memorial, accompanied by John Williams's music - a poem to Steven Spielberg's documentary *The Unfinished Journey*.

She is the editor of *Best American Poetry 2000*, and from January 2000 to January 2002 she wrote a weekly column, "Poet's

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MSU February-March Campus Calendar

Thursday 26

- * OSAU: Affirmative Action Day, noon - 3p.m.
- * I'm Beautiful Damn It!, 1p.m., SC Ballrooms A and B
- * Your Career and the Net workshop, 5:30 - 6:30p.m.
- * Sankofa, 7:30p.m., SC Dining Room
- * ASSIST Coffeehouse, 10 p.m., SC Ratt

Friday 27

- * RecBoard meeting, 2:15 - 3:30 p.m., SC Cafe B and C
- * C1C Concert, 7p.m., SC Ratt

Saturday 28

- * Music: Senior Recital: Justin Lee, Bass, 8p.m., McEachern Recital Hall

Sunday 29

- * Monthly Movie Night: "Kill Bill", 8p.m., SC Ballrooms

Monday 1

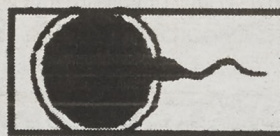
- * Traditional Resume Preparation workshop, 1 - 2:30p.m.
- * "Are Italians White?" How Race Is Made in America, 2 - 4p.m., Cohen Lounge, Dickson Hall

Tuesday 2

- * IM Indoor Soccer Entry Meeting, 7 - 8p.m., SC Commuter Lounge
- * IM Grass Volleyball Tournament Entry Meeting, 8 - 9p.m., SC Commuter Lounge
- * IM Kickball Entry Meeting, 8 - 9p.m., SC Commuter Lounge
- * IM Tennis Entry Meeting, 8 - 9p.m., SC Commuter Lounge
- * IM Softball Entry Meeting, 9 - 10p.m., SC Commuter Lounge
- * Psychology Club Meeting, 4 - 5p.m., Dickson Hall, 125

Wednesday 3

- * Electronic Resume workshop, 11a.m. - noon, Computer Lab
- * Music: Harry Partch Ensemble, 1 - 2p.m., McEachern Recital Hall
- * SGA Student Legislature Session, 3p.m.
- * The Cypher, 7 - 9 p.m., SC Ratt
- * Players: "Macbeth", 8p.m., SC Annex 126



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Our Friendship Yielded to Cupid's Arrow

When Best Friends Forsake Friendships for Romance

By G.M. Grosso
Staff Writer

Dear G.M.,

My best friend has been in a relationship with someone for the last six months. I actually hooked him up with her, and they're great for each other, but he's really annoying me. He never has time for me anymore, and I'm kicking myself for getting them together. What should I do?

-T.O.-

Romantic relationships have a way of deteriorating friendships when we're not careful. We always tend to get sucked in with the maintenance and up keeping of our dating relationships, and we take for granted that our best buddies will be there holding the candle the whole time.

It's easy to forget that our pals have feelings too and that they've stuck through it with us those nights when our only options included a movie-thon or a trip to the bar solo. It's easy to do this, and if we each think about it long enough, somewhere in the history of our friendships we've all done it once or twice.

I agree with you that this is a

hurtful time. This is your best friend, and you've known him longer than his girlfriend has, yet she's getting all the attention and your spending too many nights alone at a drafty pub reminiscing over the good old days when your buddy was there taking shot after shot with you. Yet, to dwell on this for too long without saying a word obviously isn't going to get you anywhere.

Give your friend a call and tell him that you really need to talk to him. I know this isn't something guys are used to doing, but to treat it like any other casual conversation is going to get you just as much as it's been getting you for the past six months.

Tell him that it's really important that the two of you get together. If he says that he's too busy to see

you, be up front and say that's just not good enough. Even if it's just a drink or a quick lunch, you have to make it a point to see him.

When you get him face to face, tell him how much his disregard for your feelings has been agitating

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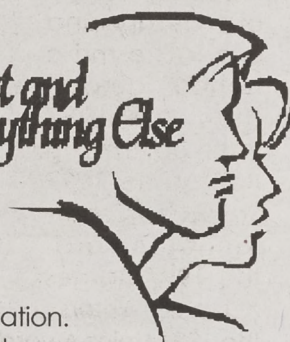
you. Remind him of all the times you've been there for him, and how you haven't compromised his feelings just to absorb yourself in a

relationship with someone else. You can't blame him for not knowing how you feel if you don't express it to him, but if you make the effort to show him the way his actions have been affecting you, then he can't use the excuse that he didn't know.

You have to also

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Love, Lust and Everything Else



take into consideration the nature of confrontation. If it's not handled carefully, then it can cause more harm than good.

Don't start screaming at your friend and berating him. He's not going to be sympathetic if you use tactics like that. No matter what, he's going to defend himself, so be ready for the comebacks.

Don't let him make you feel bad for bringing this issue up either. You have the right to have an opinion about your friendship, but you don't have a free pass to belittle your friend and guilt him into breaking up with his girlfriend.

To be fair to your friend, there may be a lot more going on in his life than just his girlfriend. In this day and age, we have all become the kings and queens of multitasking.

He probably has to balance school, work, family, his relationship, and his friendships all at the same time. Life is a very difficult balance, and all the sides can't be positively equal all the time. So give him a little bit of a break.

He's probably dealing with a lot more than he's complaining about. Here's another option. Since you know his girlfriend on some level, then perhaps you could suggest a night when the three of you and a bunch of other people hang out. You may not get the quality boy bonding time that you want, but it's better than straining your friendship.

The bottom line is that this is your BEST friend, and there's a reason that you guys have been friends this long. Don't let a girlfriend and some hurt feelings ruin something that is this great. Be the bigger man and make the effort to keep your friendship alive. You'll both be thankful for it in the long run.

I'm here to answer your questions. If you have a dilemma like the one above, I'm at your service. Just e-mail me at Montfeature@yahoo.com with the title attention G.M. Grosso. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sleep

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workouts, but also helps injuries heal. And obviously, after a good night's sleep, the athlete will have more energy and be more focused during practices and games.

Also, for athletes seeking to build muscle, it is sleep that actually helps muscles get bigger between workouts, according to *Men's Journal*.

Sleep Tips

MSU students, faculty or staff members who may have trouble falling asleep or experience insomnia some nights should try the following useful sleep-producing tips suggested by Dennis Cardone, M.D., a medical columnist for *The Star Ledger* (May 2, 2000):

Create a sleep environment that is comfortable, dark and quiet.

Avoid large meals, alcohol and caffeine, and curtail consuming liquids near bedtime.

Maintain a regular schedule, even on weekends, for going to sleep and arising.

Exercise earlier during the day (morning or afternoon), but not within three or four hours of bedtime.

Avoid long periods of time in bed watching TV, reading or studying.

Newsweek magazine (Jan. 19, 2004) mentions, "Research now suggests that regular, ample sleep is one of those indispensables, ranking right up there with eating right and exercising." So, don't underestimate the importance of sleep.

Rita

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Choice," for *The Washington Post*.

Dove had already won national acclaim through appearances in magazines and anthologies when she published her first poetry collection, *The Yellow House on the Corner*, with Carnegie-Mellon University Press in 1980. *Museum* (1983) and *Thomas and Beulah* (1986), both also from Carnegie-Mellon followed soon after. *Thomas and Beulah*, a collection of interrelated poems loosely based on her grandparents' life, earned her the 1987 Pulitzer Prize, making her the second African American poet (after Gwendolyn Brooks in 1950) to receive this prestigious award.

Other publications by Dove include a book of short stories (*Fifth Sunday*, Callaloo Fiction Series, 1985), the poetry collections *Grace Notes* (W.W. Norton, 1989), *Selected Poems* (Pantheon/Vintage, 1993) and *Mother Love* (W.W. Norton, 1995), the novel *Through the Ivory Gate* (Pantheon, 1992), and a book of her laureate lectures *The Poet's World*, (The Library of Congress, 1995). More about her can be found on the Groove Phi Groove Red Hawk Chapter Website.

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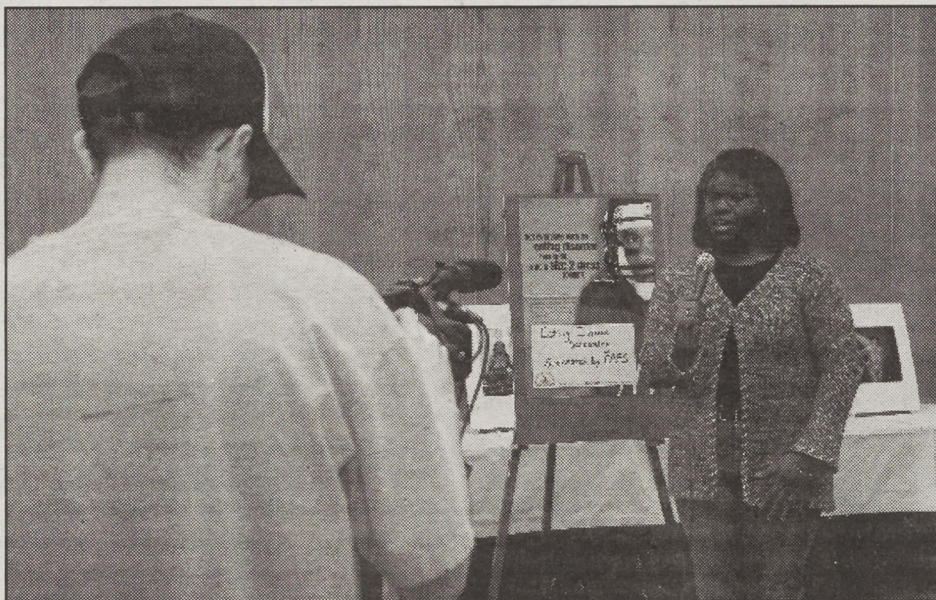
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nary people here showing off their favorite everyday clothes, which just goes to say that everyone is sexy in their own way." As part of the show, participating models chose their own outfits and music. As they proudly walked across the stage, flaunting their simple selves to the cheering audience, the emcees spoke about one particular attribute that makes them sexy. "There are so many things about a normal student that is appealing," said Tanya Purdy, a student worker at the Wellness Education. "One of our participants, as simple as she may seem, used to be a professional car racer."

The diversity in clothes was remarkable. While some participants wore the hottest dresses of the 1980s, others 'strutted their stuff' in everything from today's favorite sweatpants to designer prom dresses.

Mike Alexander, a junior physical education major, had the opportunity to flaunt his green hair as one of the participants in the fashion show. "This is definitely great," he said. "There is no doubt that this event promotes acceptance of yourself, and others.



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Latora Norfleet from Inside MSU covers the Century Project exhibition for the Montclair Broadcasting Department.

We should all be receptive to everyone's choice of looks and bodies, whether they are white, black, short, tall, big, or small." When asked about the inspiration for this fashion show, Cascarano replied, "It all started

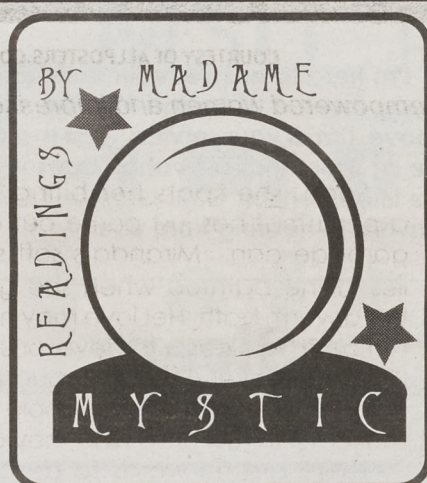
when Tanya Purdy wore a Halloween costume with wings. Since October, we have been preparing for this one event." She continued to say that when they took a look at the Victoria Secret models who walked down the

runway nearly bare, revealing their washboard abs and killer looks with wings attached to their bras, they thought about doing a spoof on that, encouraging 'real' people to pose as models. Grants for the fashion show were provided by the Department of Justice. Alicea Amburn, the Fitness Coordinator at the MSU Campus Recreation also helped a great deal to bring together this event.

At the end of the show, Cascarano spoke about how today's society and media leads the common person to believe that beauty is defined by the amount of make-up one uses. The advertisements and Television shows consist of 'fake' people with the picture perfect abs and skin. She explained that face crèmes and weight loss diets give false security to people who are conscious about their bodies.

"Real people are beautiful just the way they are - everyday" Cascarano said. "Our exhibition, The Century Project proves just that."

The Century Project exhibition studies the bodies of women throughout the years with an artful eye.



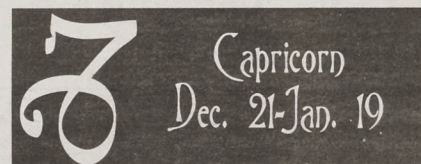
Michael Bolton

Pisces is a Water element. Pisces receptivity can translate into psychic energy. Pisces knows all and sees all but probably won't tell all. Without balance, Pisces can sink into the whirlpool of emotion.



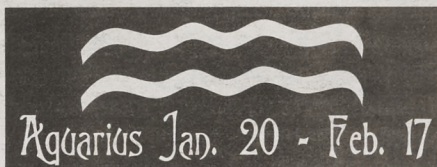
People pretend to understand what you're going through but don't fall for it! They have other intentions. Don't let that stop you from using them in return.

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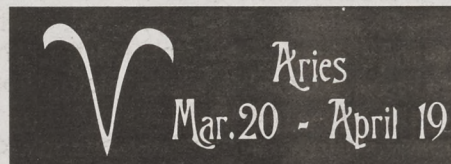
Yea, you're right. A lot of good things do go unnoticed but bad things are hard to forget. Don't think for one minute that little plan of yours won't get you into deep trouble. Don't do it.

Lucky Numbers: 33 - 27 - 11



Be daring and pursue that person who has been on your mind these past few weeks. I bet they secretly want to be daring too but haven't built up the courage to do so. It's up to you then.

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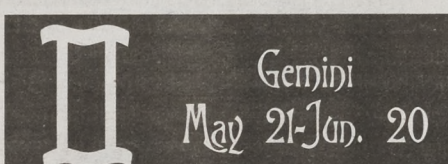
What you thought was one of the biggest mistakes of your life is actually the best thing you ever did. This week, don't sweat because you're on the winning end.

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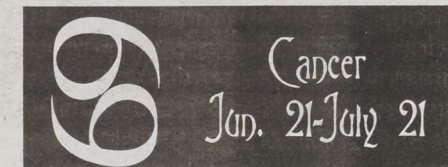
You are a little out of shape but it takes time and much practice to get back on track. You're easily distracted but learn to refrain from daydreaming and start focusing on your goals.

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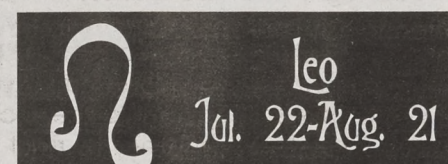
Apologies are in order so prepare to have your feet kissed. They should have known better than to run up against you and now it's time for them to play the piper.

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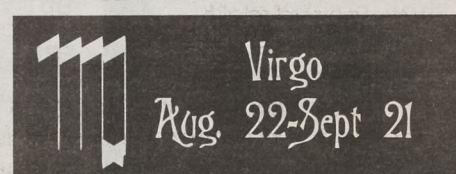
Homesick? Heartbroken? Tired of school and/or work? Who isn't? Get yourself together and stop moping around! If one door closes, a window is bound to open.

Lucky Numbers: 35 - 10 - 12



Study, Study, Study. No breaks for you slackers! Times a 'ticking and it may be early but you're known for falling behind real fast. Concentrate and make what you do count.

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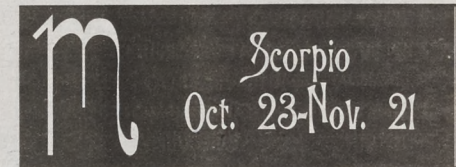
You have good friends. Lucky for you, they care and look out for you. They'll help you out of your latest goof up. You will not always have them around. Let them know they are appreciated.

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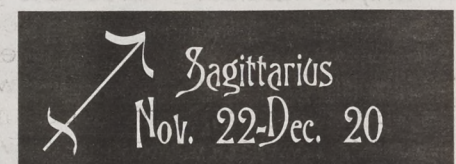
Living in the past has stunted your future aspirations. Get out of that time warp and come back to the present where you belong. Let go of that load you've been caring for so long.

Lucky Numbers: 41 - 17 - 23



You've spent so much time dreaming up all the things and now it's time to make those dreams come true. Don't let your insecurities get in the way of achieving your goals.

Lucky Numbers: 05 - 13 - 25



You're willing to go the extra mile and that's what people like to see. Your aggressive ways will surely get your foot in the door. People are watching you and in this case that's a good thing.

Lucky Numbers: 39 - 08 - 20

Fans Say Goodbye to Sex and the City

Carrie Bradshaw Closes Her Laptop on Lost Love, Friendships, Cancer and Singlehood

By Lisa Panzariello
Arts and Entertainment Editor

Anyone who's been watching *Sex and the City* religiously for the past six years are wise on all the nooks and crannies that have made the Metropolitan comedy the success that it was.

Religious viewers watched as "the girls" Carrie, (Sarah Jessica Parker), Samantha (Kim Cattrall), Miranda (Cynthia Nixon) and Charlotte (Kristin Davis) have gone from singledom to divorce, to marriage and the ever so often yoyo relationships.

That said, it was sad to see it end. It's definitely one of the most poignant series of all time and the very last episode, which aired on Sunday, was the sad reality of a whole season of denial.

Fans watched in happiness for the past two seasons, the optimistic Charlotte sprouting her kindness through an ugly divorce from the flaccid, Trey McDougal, who cared more about his yuppie mother rather than Charlotte's concern of conceiving a child.

Ladies (and some men too) were so thrilled when she fell in love with the unkempt divorce lawyer, Harry Goldenblatt.

Although fans were skeptical about her choice of converting to Judaism, it just made us adore Davis' character even more because we already knew how faithful she was towards her friends. We also know that she's not stupid and wouldn't have made such a difficult decision for any guy.

With the climax of the final episode, Charlotte and Harry are still having trouble bearing children, so they put their feet down and consider the option of adoption. Audiences anticipated through mountains of papers that their wish would come true and the happy couple would get a child of their own.

Things start to look up when Charlotte's colorful gay best friend, Anthony (Mario Cantone), go shopping at Chanel so she can look her best when she meets the prominent parents from Charlotte (coincidence?), North Carolina.

Sadly, the young hillbilly parents decide to keep their baby girl and Charlotte and Harry are heartbrokenly devastated. "I think God forgot our address," Harry says. "We're Jews," said Charlotte. "We've been through worse than this." That was one of the small, yet many beauties of the show; no matter how devastating the situation, someone had to lighten the mood.

Finally, while Charlotte yells across her Park Avenue apartment to her husband, "I'm a bad wife and I got us Chinese for dinner." Harry replied, "We got something else from China. They're sending us a baby. I guess

God remembered our address." Of course, the water works begin, as well as Charlotte's adventure of motherhood, and viewers couldn't be happier.

Honestly, there probably isn't one person who could make Cancer look as sheik as Samantha, but that's the beauty of Kim Cattrall's character. Kim's character however makes everything fabulous and everybody that surrounds her in no time. Since season one, Samantha was the "whore" of the girls who would basically sleep with anyone with a penis; however, the past two seasons she has come a long way (no pun intended).

We've seen her settle for a less than average man, yet in all her fabulousness, she turned her lover, Smith Jarrod (Jason Lewis) into a bright new shining star.

Now, fans all knew her mischievous history of being, well, sort of, loose, on the other hand, this man comes along and makes her re-think her views on love and soon discovers that it was meant to come her way - it just took a bit longer.

While Smith is preparing for a barbarian role in Montreal, Samantha informs him that it's okay to have sex with a woman since she's been slow in that department thanks to the luxury of chemotherapy.

When he surprises her with flowers that have to bloom on her desk at her office, she calls him up right away



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Carrie and Big (John) fall on the floor with laughter after she finds out her on again/off again lover came all the way to Paris to tell her that she's "the one."

and changes her mind and really doesn't want him to sleep with a woman.

The sweetest thing happens later that night when he wakes her up in her sleep to tell her that he flew all night to tell her that he loves her. "No man has ever meant as much as you have," she says. It may not be "I love you," but for Samantha, it's right up there. And the rest is history.

Miranda has blossomed as a person these past six years. She first started out as the Harvard educated lawyer/cynic who thrived on being single.

She never hesitated to state her own opinion even if it was un-called



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The stars of Sex and the City show empowered women and impressed men all over the nation.

for. Below her rough surface, she was a softie who never abandoned her friends for any cost.

She was also the cold dose of reality that pulsed in the girls' heads when they were about to jump into a situation. Although, when she met Steve and became pregnant with their son, Brady, her views, as well as her look became much softer. She finally believed in the light at the end

Soon, she spots her biting into a pizza that has just come out of a garbage can. Miranda's soft spot lies in the bathtub when she gives her a warm bath. Her love may have not been so clear with Steve, or even Brady, however, it shone through the care she has towards the people that make her loved ones who they are.

There are no words to describe Carrie Bradshaw (Sarah Jessica Parker) the creator of the column; "Sex and the City" has definitely walked a long way in her Manolo Blahniks. She has dated so many men and written the wittiest columns about sex and relationships this side of New York. Carrie emulates both old and modern day New York City.

Her friends are the loves of her life, even through the many break ups and heartaches of everyday living. Her three friends are the glue that holds her together and no matter what phase or situation she took part in, they supported her every move and walked many city blocks behind her just to keep her in tact. Finally, in the last season, Carrie hasn't spoken to Mr. Big in a long time because she feels he pops into her life when she is at her happiest.

When she makes the uncomfortable decision to move to Paris with the much older, yet very modern, artist, Alexandr Petrovsky (Mikhail Baryshnikov), she thinks twice about her adventure and what it's costing her. When French clerks spot her in a bookstore, she is thrilled to find out they want to throw a party in her honor.

The end is near when Petrovsky begs her to accompany him at his art exhibit and agrees, missing her party. She is disappointed to find out that she cannot smoke (yes, she started again) in the museum and feels something in her purse. Finally! Her "Carrie" necklace that she was devastated about losing last episode

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Ladies: Celebrate Your Vaginas Everyday

By Cesarina Miceli
Staff Writer

The Vagina Monologues

MSU



VAGINA! VAGINA! VAGINA! There, I said "it." So many people have such a tough time saying "that word." It's simple. VAGINA! There, I just said "it" again!

On February 11 through the 13, a cast of 28 women sat in front of a curious audience in the MSU Dance Theater unafraid to introduce their vaginas to the University. The Women's Center sponsored this benefit production of "The Vagina Monologues" written by Eve Ensler and performed by MSU students.

To launch the evening, Director Katie Renn, a recent MSU graduate, educated a full-house of viewers about V-Day, a non-profit worldwide movement to end violence against women and girls. V-Day promotes events to spread awareness, raise funds, and lend a hand to other anti-violence organizations.

A proportional audience of men and women crowded the theater, as a man circulated selling chocolate in the shape of

a large vagina. Three microphones were placed before three high stools as approximately 30 chairs filled the floor behind. The room darkened, leaving spotlights only on the three stools. All performers wore black and red skirts, pants, or dresses, and decorated themselves with accessories such as scarves, flowers, and pins. All the women were barefoot.

MSU's Dean Ayres, wearing identical attire, welcomed viewers as she read Eve Ensler's letter explaining her play. Many were surprised to hear a dean of the University announce: "I am proud to say vagina." Ensler encourages women to say vagina many times a day, and is proud that viewers of "The Vagina Monologues" say it most in their lifetime. Their shame of the word 'vagina' turns into love.

The audience burst into laughter as the first performers shouted out most frequently used synonyms for the word vagina: "Pussy! Pooky! Twat! Poochy! Peepee! Cuder!" At one point, all 28 women began chanting cunt, as the audience joined in amusement.

Woman shared their vagina stories. At first, they are reluctant to chat, but "women secretly love to talk about their vaginas." One woman spoke about the hair covering her vagina: "You cannot love a vagina unless you love hair." She tells the story of how her husband had affairs with other women because she wasn't pleasuring him. In other words, he was unfaithful because she didn't shave her vagina. "My naked,

puffy vagina," she complained. "Hair is to vagina as leaf is to flower and lawn is to house." She argued that hair is meant to protect a woman's vagina.

Other women answered the question, "If your vagina got dressed, what would it wear?" Some dressed their vagina in a tuxedo, jeans, emeralds, an evening gown, Armani clothing, a bow, or even a hat. Well what if your vagina could talk? What two words would it say? Woman replied with a number of responses: "Slow down! Lick me! More please! Let's play! Don't stop! Wow mama! Oh God! Where's Brian?"

An elderly woman who spoke at a vagina interview said that back in her day, "women didn't talk about their down there's." This had been the first time she ever told anyone about her "down there," and she felt better afterward. "You just know it's there, like the cellar: It's part of a house, but you don't see it or think about it." Another woman said she came to love her vagina by imagining something else between her legs, like furniture. Amid the recounting of vagina stories, performers presented "vagina happy facts," such as that the clitoris is the only organ on the body designed for pleasure.

Also, many are unaware that it is illegal to buy a vibrator in Texas, Ohio, Georgia, and Arkansas. In fact, sexual devices are illegal in a dozen states. Between comical tales, star-

ting rape statistics were revealed that tampered the mood. A staggering 500,000 women are raped in the U.S. yearly. And the drunken men who slap their wives and smile say "they didn't mean to batter their wives." Luring viewers back to a humorous atmosphere, women discussed the fragrance of their vaginas. Some said, "It doesn't smell like rose petals, it smells like pussy." Others compared the odor of their vagina to sweet earth, heaven, water, pineapple, and cinnamon. Less pleasant scents included vinegar and water, cheese, a sponge, and somewhere between fish and lilacs.

Soothing foreplay was mentioned, as one performer began to demonstrate different types of moans such as the triple orgasm moan, the elegant moan, the right on it moan, the doggy moan, and the baby moan. A lot of women found that they didn't even need men for sexual arousal because they were better off pleasing themselves and other women. The play was an enormous success with exceptional support from all across campus. The passionate performers put on a remarkable play revealing their deepest emotions. As a spectator, it was obvious that each woman meant the words they spoke, which made the play even more effective in spreading the word to save battered women. The audience reacted with a terrific mixture of laughter and tears.

"The Vagina Monologues" was an educational, emotional, and inspirational performance. The play sent



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Speakers from "The Vagina Monologues" helped women celebrate their womanhood.

a message to all men and women to appreciate and love the vagina. The vagina bleeds for us, and allows us to give birth. As a woman, I have gained confidence in myself and pride in having a vagina. The words of one woman especially touched me. She said that a short skirt is not an invitation to rape; it is self-expression and liberation. "My short skirt and everything under it is mine."

On this day vagina warriors, both men and women, were recognized;

survivors and humble activists who worked to accomplish V-Day's goal to stop violence against women. According to its mission statement, the battle will be won. Women of different cultures and experiences joined as one to proudly celebrate their vaginas, educate the public on brutality, and end suffering. All proceeds from this event were donated to save victims of rape, battery, incest, and other acts of violence against women.

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Lost In Translation Screams Out Oscar

Coppola May Not Win Best Direction in Her Film, But She Does Win Critics' Acclaim

By Dennis Anderson
Assistant News Editor

Lost In Translation
Sofia Coppola
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When Academy Award nominations were announced a month or so, the third installment of the *Lord of the Rings* movie was certainly guaranteed a slot on the Best Picture roster.

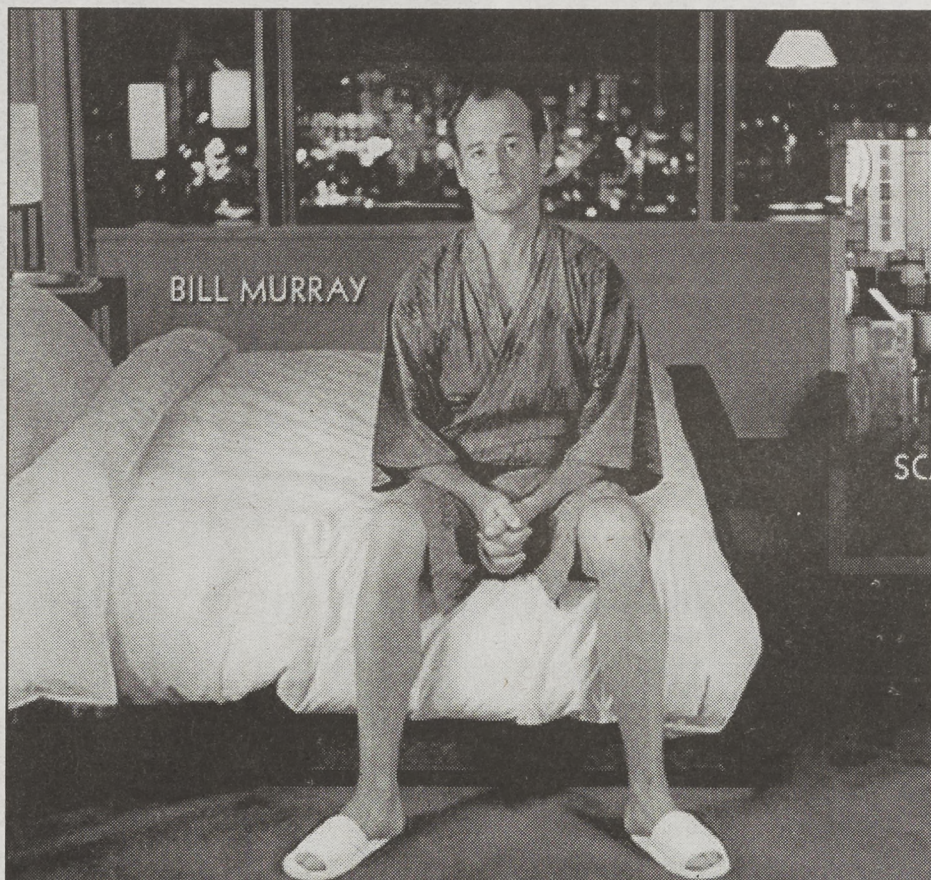
The Academy loves rewarding the year's biggest epics (*Titanic* anyone?).

Meanwhile, Sofia Coppola's masterpiece *Lost in Translation* had its own large dose of buzz for an Oscar nomination, but the fact that it got that nomination is all the more exciting, since in certain ways, *Translation* is the antithesis of the *Rings* trilogy. In lieu of opting for drama of larger-than-life proportions, writer-director Coppola superbly presents this tale of a subtle yearning for something different — something new — something more.

Coppola, who deservedly got Best Director and Best Original Screenplay nominations for her work, was wise to set her film in Tokyo, Japan.

Here we have a city many an American has yet to see or learn about, while still managing to be quite modernized and even moreso beautiful.

And so, we feel what the story's



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Billy Murray is up for an Academy Award for his brilliant performance in Sofia Coppola's *Lost In Translation*.

main characters, Bob (Bill Murray) and Charlotte (Scarlett Johansson) think: My, what a beautiful, yet foreign, place this is. Thus, it makes perfect sense for the meeting of aimless souls Bob and Charlotte. After all, both are insomniacs trapped in a lonely place.

Bob is a has-been actor that has come to Japan to hawk whiskey in commercials for the wealthy Japanese liquor makers, Suntory Time, leaving his wife and son (whose birth-

day Bob has to be reminded of from his wife, via fax) in the States.

Meanwhile Charlotte has come to the country with her photographer scattered-brained husband (Giovanni Ribisi who plays the character's aloof-ness skillfully here), who constantly leaves her alone for long periods of time.

Therefore, it comes as no surprise, when after an encounter or two, the insomniacs are drawn to each other and begin to spend time in each

other's company.

Yet, while it might seem creepy, and perhaps even revolting to have middle-aged Murray and barely legal Johansson strike up a friendship, and perhaps even potential relationship, Coppola manages to pair the two oh-so-delicately and cleverly. In fact, Coppola's writing does not resort to many of Hollywood's modern-day fallback plot devices.

The movie certainly lacks the blood and guts violence of an epic or a blockbuster, but even more importantly for a dramedy, it lacks any sex or other large physical display of emotion (although the occasional implication of it between some characters is there). That's the amazing thing that Coppola can hint at, just by Charlotte leaving the table that her husband and female friend (Anna Faris), join Bob on the opposite side of the bar. Murray and Johansson (both deserving of recognition), Murray received the only Oscar nomination. On the other hand, Johansson's votes were sadly split between this role and her additional acclaimed role in *The Girl with the Pearl Earring*.

Come Sunday, when the winners of the Academy Awards are announced, the third *Rings* will get its trilogy's critical praise, while *Lost in Translation* can keep on being the quiet film it is meant to be.

Sex

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was under her vintage Dior purse the entire time.

Carrie at last has the guts to tell her Russian boyfriend that she's not happy, and he is utterly speechless. When she goes to the lobby of the hotel room, Mr. Big, the true man in her life, finds her searching for the necklace that her now ex-boyfriend, gave her (side note: in the very first episode of *Sex and The City* Carrie and Big's first meeting was on a sidewalk when Carrie dropped her purse and he handed her the lost condom.) She is consumed with emotion since oddly, she was just telling Alexander how she is looking for "inconvenient love."

Honestly, there isn't anything more inconvenient than Big showing up across the globe just to tell her she's "the one." This is something Carrie has been waiting a very long time to hear.

They return to the Big Apple of course, where it's obvious that they will be together, happily ever after I might add.

The mystery of Mr. Big's name is finally revealed, as John, which, I have to say, was probably the most important part of the episode. It's been six years and it was driving fans insane! It's sad to see the show end since it was the shield for single, successful women all over the country. Every girl has their friends who are just like Carrie, Samantha, Miranda and Charlotte. The good thing was that everyone is blissfully happy in the end and their lives aren't over, they are bound to continue beautifully. Although the final episode was fairly predictable, it's what fans wanted from the girls, because like their own friends, these characters became very much a single girl's pal.

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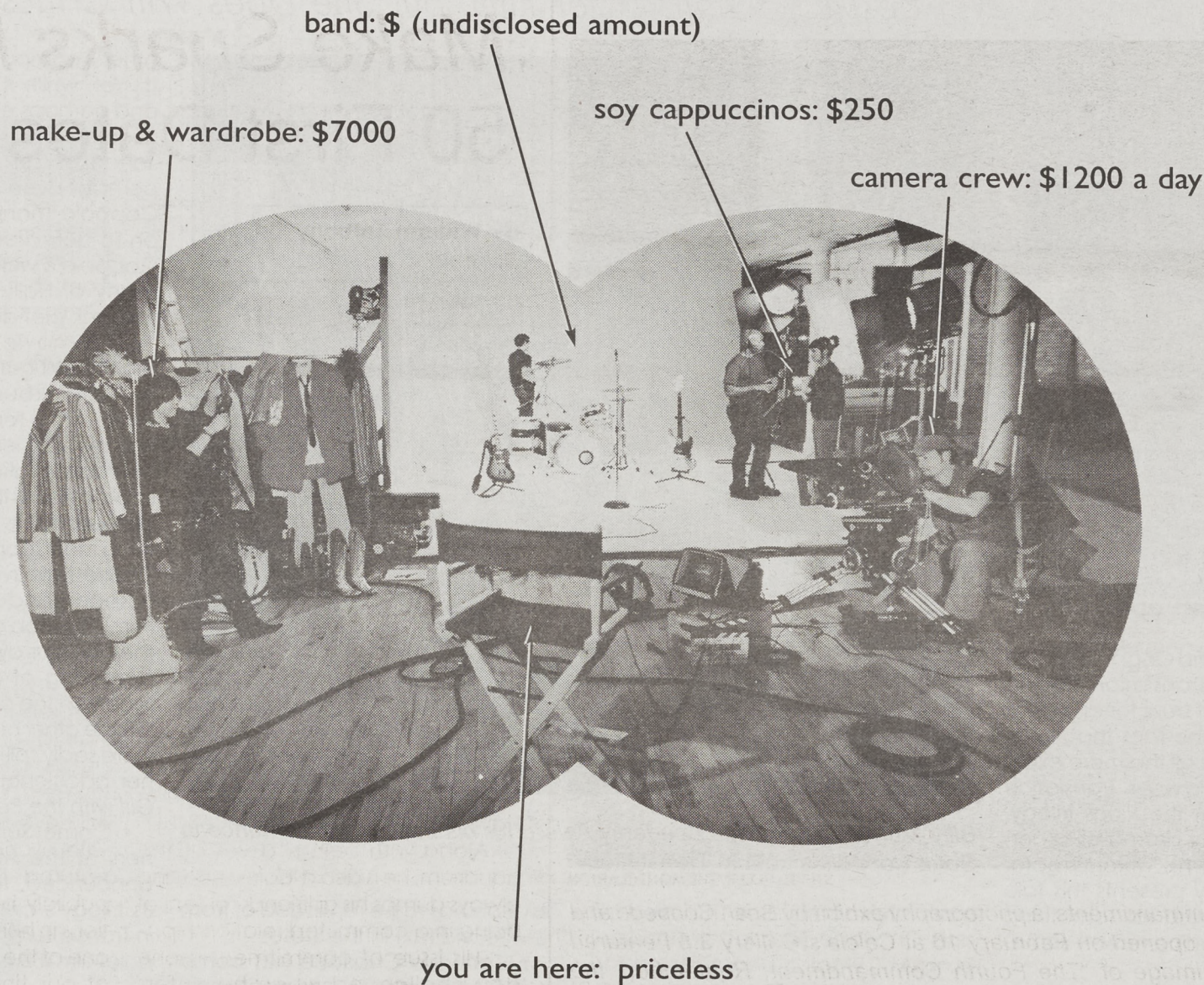
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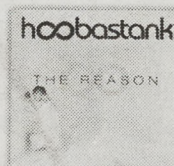
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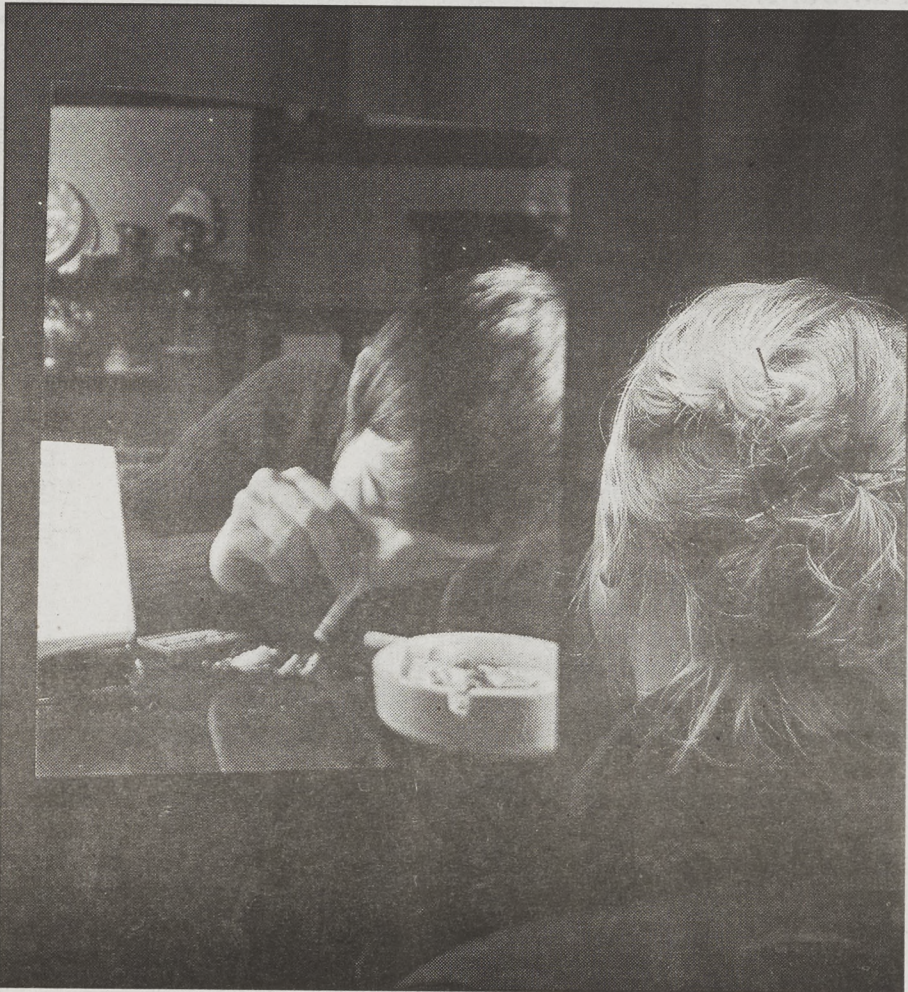


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The Ten Commandments



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The Ten Commandments, a photography exhibit by Brian Coppede and Lisa Vogel, opened on February 16 at Calcia's Gallery 3.5. Featured above, an image of "The Fourth Commandment: Remember the sabbath day, keep it holy."

Adam and Drew Make Sparks Fly in 50 First Dates

By William Anthony King
Staff Writer

50 First Dates
Peter Segal
Columbia Pictures



Comedian Adam Sandler stars in a new hit comedy about a bachelor who, after meeting a particularly unique woman, falls head over heels in love with her.

The woman of his interest indeed has an interest in him, but the only problem is that she has short-term memory. *50 First Dates* tells the story of Henry Roth (Sandler), a popular veterinarian at a local aquarium in Hawaii.

Along with being a vet at the aquarium, he is also a ladies man and always dumps his girlfriends for fear of being in a committed relationship.

His issue of commitment is one day challenged when he enters a local establishment and sees an attractive and humble woman by the name of Lucy Whitmore who is played by Drew Barrymore.

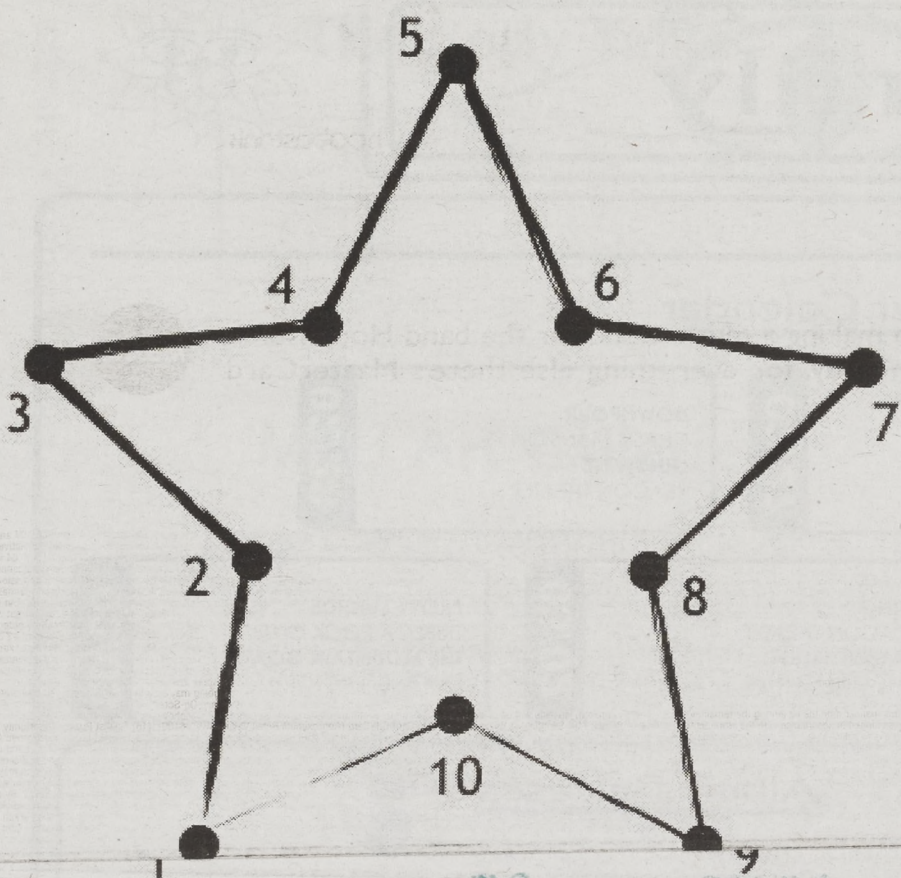
Lucy is an Art teacher and is smitten with Henry the first time she sees him. Both Lucy and Henry start to

talk and long and behold the conversation becomes serious, until he is told by the waitress that Lucy suffers from short-term memory due to a car accident she was involved with exactly a year ago. Lucy can still remember her memories prior to her accident, but she can not remember any events thereafter. Henry is taken by Lucy and starts to make her recall recent events because they have been dating for a long period of time.

The issue is that Lucy can not remember because every day she starts with a clean slate of mind and does not remember what happened to her the day before.

It's nice to see that both Sandler and Barrymore are maturing in taking comedic roles that indeed have character and heart. Sandler is able to mix in the exaggerated physical comedy that he is best known for with a character that is very good natured. Drew Barrymore, who has publicly been through tough situations in her personal life, has become one of the best comeback actresses of our time. Barrymore gives the character of Lucy realistic qualities to make the audience sympathize with her situation. Barrymore is able to pull the audience into Lucy's world and how it must feel being able to

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Jackie Gleason 1916
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Johnny Cash 1932
Erykah Badu 1972

Friday, February 27

John Steinbeck 1902
Joanne Woodward 1930
Elizabeth Taylor 1932
Chelsea Clinton 1980

Saturday, February 28

Jimmy Dorsey 1904
Dinah Shore 1916
Gretchen Christopher 1940
Antonio Sabato Jr. 1972
Ja Rule 1976

Sunday, March 1

Glenn Miller 1904
Alan Thicke 1947
Ron Howard 1954
Booker-T 1965
Mark Paul Gosselaar 1974
Chrystal Drury 1983

Monday, March 2

Dr. Suess 1904
Desi Arnaz 1917
Mikhail Gorbachev 1931
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Dates

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Sandler tries to woo Barrymore off her feet with a singing serenade in the good natured comedy, *50 First Dates*.

not to recall any situations that we go through day to day because of a mental disability.

In addition to the performances of Sandler and Barrymore, there are some good comedic performances by the rest of the cast. Rob Schneider, who is best known for *Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo*, is re-teamed with Sandler after working together on *Saturday Night Live*.

He plays Ula, Henry's best friend who always has a tendency of getting injured in the most craziest of situations. Also rounding out the cast is Blake Clark as Lucy's father, Marlin, and Sean Astin of *Lord Of The Rings* fame stars as her bubbly steroid-driven brother, Doug.

50 First Dates is a nice romantic comedy that everyone should see even though the movie is geared towards couples.

Sandler and Barrymore have good on screen chemistry together and you can see it when Sandler goes through some innovative attempts to get Barrymore's character to remember him.

The message is that a real relationship is not only built on trust, but on the willingness to accept each other's imperfections.

If you are into Sandler and Barrymore or just into romantic comedies with a nice ending, then I recommend you see *50 First Dates*.

This Week in Entertainment

TV

Howard Stern regular, Stuttering John Melendez will be on the *Tonight Show* with Jay Leno's new announcer starting March 29. Melendez is replacing Edd Hall, the announcer for 12 years who is concentrating on his movie career. Of course, Stuttering John is working with a speech coach to dissolve his stuttering problem.

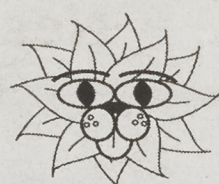
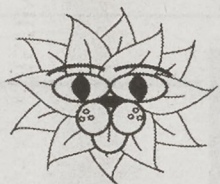
Music

R&B badboy, Bobby Brown is back in jail after violating his probation on a previous drunk driving conviction. As of now it's unknown what Brown did to violate his probation, but he is being held without bail Dekalb County Jail and is remaining there until further notice.

Movies

Lord Of The Rings not only won award claim for the states, but its director, Peter Jackson, also won best International Film at the U.K. directors award last week. Jackson is also nominated for Best Direction for the last LOTR movie at the Academy Awards.

Compiled by Lisa Panzariello from cnn.com



Arts Calendar

Concert & Theater Calendar

THE EROTICS
THE CONTINENTAL
ELVIS COSTELLO
BEACON THEATER

02/26

OPETH
IRVING PLAZA
EVANESCENCE
ROSELAND BALROOM

02/27

DOWNPOUR
CRASH MANSION
GINUWINE
BEACON THEATER

02/28

DEEP PURPLE
BEACON THEATER
DUB IS A WEAPON
KNITTING FACTORY

02/29

GOD FORBID
KNITTING FACTORY
THE MIDNIGHT EVILS
LIT LOUNGE

03/01

STING
BEACON THEATER
RAY CHARLES
LINCOLN CENTER

03/02

PRETTY SUICIDE
TRIBECA ROCK CLUB
THE MOUNTAIN GOATS
KNITTING FACTORY

03/03

Movie Releases



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Album Releases



Metal: **Enemy**- Hooray For Dark Matter
Rock: **Dropbox**-Dropbox
Pop: **Hootie and The Blowfish**-The Best Of
Pop: **En Vogue**-Soul Flower

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Be sure to include the name of the event (who's performing) where it's being held, and the exact date it's happening. Send all information to the following e-mail address:

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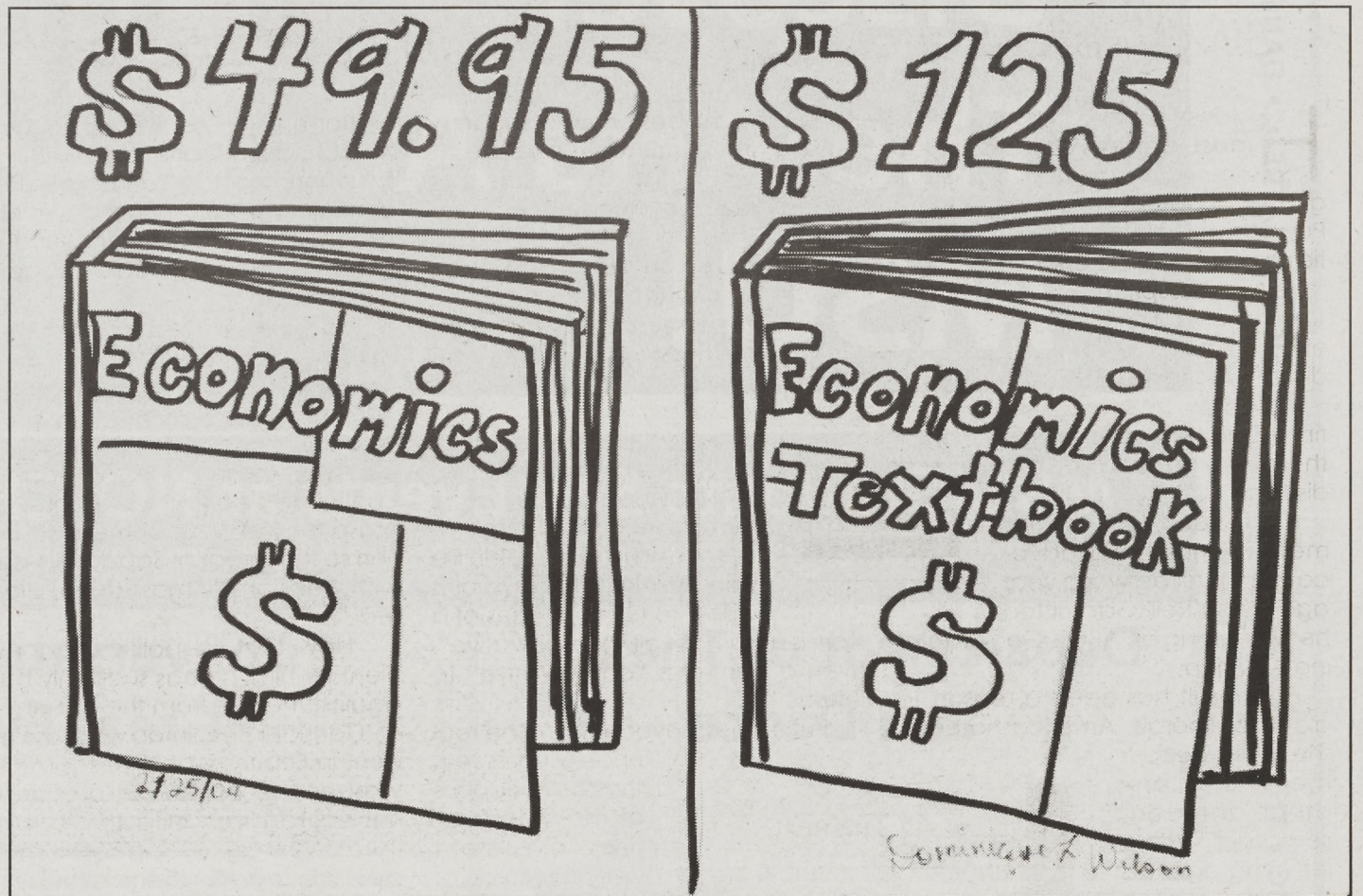
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main EDITORIAL

The Price of Education



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238. It's quite a large number: days, dollars or even sheep. But instead of sending a lamb to get its wool shorn, prices of university textbooks should get a cut. The number 238 is actually the percentage that textbook prices have risen in only one year. Usually when people think of percentages, zero to 100 are the digits commonly thought of. 238? Some textbooks don't even have that many pages to fulfill a dollar per page. 238 makes a 50 percent increase look appealing.

Obviously the yearly moan and groan when it comes to college costs often comes from books. Every year the prices rise. Who would think that paper bound together can cost more than a stereo? But, if a professor assigns the textbook, you can't just tell him or her to pick another one.

Professors who do abide by text base their exams on them. Syllabuses are formed with readings in the chapters. You can revolt against the high prices by not buying the book, but what happens? You fail. Alternatives such as buying books online can solve the problem, but waiting for shipping then becomes a hassle. Moreover, you need a credit card. Most college students fall into debt trying to pay off a credit card and as a result, their financial situation ends up worse than in the beginning.

The *New York Times* figures given to the SGA by Stefanie Kruger of Cuyahoga Community College state that some professors are paid \$4,000 for adopting textbooks. Maybe that's why students are charged an arm

and a leg and even another arm for books. Tuition is tough as it is and with that knowledge, it's not hard to see students infuriated.

When hearing this, most people assume that nothing can be done. Sulking about the hike is the usual custom. Surprisingly something has actually been done to speak against the outrageous rise in fees. Already joining Kruger's Ohio school is our very own SGA, as letters are in the process of being written for a send off date on March 7.

This issue is not an MSU issue, it is a national concern for every college student in the USA.

So, the SGA's involvement isn't negative in any way, shape, or form you look at it. Pessimistically, books will not magically be affordable overnight.

Capitalism people! Bookstores and the corporations that sit above them are out to make a profit. Why do you think book giant Barnes and Noble has been such a success?

The difference between a store such as this and a university bookstore that doesn't set the prices is one main idea: shoppers at Barnes and Noble are not obligated to buy. Students have no choice. It's either two choices: Not buy and flunk or buy and be broke. The only winners are the publishers and some professors who take the check to use their books.

The MSU SGA is only one out of a group who is supporting this cause, and until this movement reaches national media attention, make sure your check is payable to the book store.

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The Voice of Montclair State University

Do You Agree With The Recent Banning of Alcohol at the Clove Road Apartments?

"I don't drink a lot so it doesn't affect me much. But it's unfortunate that only The Village is "wet" on campus."

*Kyriacos Kyriacou,
accounting, fourth year*

"I think it is unfair because those of legal drinking age are penalized. The lack of housing by the administration to place underclassmen in Clove has infringed on upperclassmen who felt they had that freedom to drink there."

*Norreen Pasqale, English
and Spanish, fourth year*

"I think that Clove is going to be overrun with cops because all people do at Clove is drink anyway."

*Suni Brown, psychology, fifth
year*

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Viewpoint

This is What Happens When You Leave the 'Spin Zone'

Bill O'Reilly Statements Not Alone in Contradiction

History will show that one of the most controversial issues in America was the decision to go to war against Iraq a year ago. Pundits, politicians, celebrities, and journalists alike all rallied in the spring of 2003 to support or condemn the effort to oust Saddam and disarm his regime.

But now, at least for the time being, it seems as if there are no weapons to disarm.

Last week, one of the media's most avid advocates of the Iraq war a year ago, Bill O'Reilly, admitted he was wrong on ABC's *Good Morning America*.

The result has been a reason to gloat for liberals, America haters in the English department, and any other anti-conservative with a left wing agenda to endorse in an election year. But before you all get really excited, think about the big picture.

Look at how O'Reilly's so-called "apology" has been misconstrued into a proverbial egg on every rational-minded person's face.

"I go on *Good Morning America* yesterday and say that I'm personally sorry my analysis on WMDs before the war was wrong and I'm angry about the CIA mistake. I mean, any honest commentator would say that, but the left-wing press sees my admission as some kind of liberal policy vindication and is using my words to hammer the president," O'Reilly on his program on Wednesday, February 11.

He went on to say that, "I still believe removing Saddam was the right thing to do and that history will prove it. And there's also the possibility that WMDs will be found, so I might have to apologize for my apology. I don't mind. I still hope they find WMDs."

First of all, using O'Reilly's "apology" as a political tool to attack the war and the Bush administration is in and of itself, intellectually dishonest. O'Reilly apologized for the faulty intelligence, NOT supporting the war in the first place. Big difference.

Second of all, even if O'Reilly's apology was to the extent that the liberal media made it seem, the effectiveness would rely on O'Reilly being the mouthpiece for the conservative movement that liberals would have you believe he is.

The pro-choice, anti-death penalty, often Bush criticizing O'Reilly is

not exactly the poster boy of modern-day conservatism. Rather, he speaks a language most Americans can understand: common sense.

It is no secret that common sense and pragmatism have become synonymous with conservatism, especially in recent years, thus it's obvious to see where O'Reilly gets his conservative label from.

It's a common trick liberals in the media use; anyone who can think for themselves and not fall rank in file with their far left views, or is willing to tell both sides of a

story is automatically "conservative". Even a centrist is "conservative" to leftists.

But it goes beyond that. The real underlying issue is that the "weapons of mass destruction" argument was merely one of many reasons the Bush administration went to war on Iraq.

Connections to terrorist organizations, as well as violations of the treaty that ended the Gulf War (some as egregious as firing

on American and British pilots), and violation of UN Resolution after Resolution were all cited as reasons.

Another reason baffles me because it is traditionally one where the left has liked to try and monopolize as its own: human rights violations and genocide.

Still, people will argue these are not legitimate reasons to go to war, and that the American people basically had the wool pulled over their eyes with the whole WMD thing. But let's not ignore the facts. Let's not ignore history.

Consider that the United States Congress overwhelmingly passed a resolution authorizing war in October of 2002. Consider the bipartisan vote was ratified by legislators from both parties, who were all privy to the same intelligence.

Consider on Sept. 26, 2002 when General Wesley Clark testified before Congress saying, "He (Saddam Hussein) does retain his chemical and biological capabilities to some extent, as he is, as far as we know, actively pursuing nuclear capabilities."

Though he does not have nuclear warheads yet, if he were to acquire them, I think our friends in the region would face greatly increased risks, as would we." Clark went on to campaign for the Democratic Presidential nomination on an anti-war

platform.

Consider Senator John Kerry, the frontrunner for the Democratic Presidential nomination, said as recently as Jan. 23, 2003 said, "Without question, we need to disarm Saddam Hussein."

He is a brutal, murderous dictator, leading an oppressive regime. He presents a particularly grievous threat because he is so consistently prone to miscalculation. And now he is miscalculating America's response to his continued deceit and his consistent grasp for weapons of mass destruction so the threat of Saddam Hussein with weapons of mass destruction is real."

Now that it's politically convenient for him, he has suddenly been against the war from the get-go.

Consider Bill Clinton who, as President in February of 1998 said, "One way or the other, we are determined to deny Iraq the capacity to develop weapons of mass destruction and the missiles to deliver them. That is our bottom line."

How come nobody asked Kerry or Clinton to apologize? They saw the same intelligence the current administration saw.

Consider Saddam Hussein while in power playing cat and mouse with the UN weapons inspectors, kicking them out on more than one occasion.

For someone who had no WMDs, he sure went out of his way to make it look as if he did.

Consider the fact that Saddam had over a decade to hide these weapons, be it deep under ground in Iraq, or over the border in Syria.

The people who are doing the finger pointing right now are doing it at the wrong people for political purposes.

Nobody in the media aside from Bill O'Reilly has questioned CIA Director George Tenet keeping his job in the face of his faulty intelligence, but that's probably because he was a Clinton appointee.

Nobody in the mainstream left-wing media has called out any of the top Democrats who have said some of the same things O'Reilly did.

Instead, the media has decided not to mention the fact that Kerry's tenure in the Senate saw him vote to essentially make the CIA impotent, staggering now that intelligence has become a prominent issue.

As the "apologetic" Bill O'Reilly noted, removing Saddam Hussein was a worthy effort, and a just cause. Looking at the big picture, we were right after all. History will prove that.

John Cascarano, a political science major, is in his second year as a columnist for The Montclarion.



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Relative number of US Soldiers killed in Iraq.

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Number of troops were deployed into Haiti.

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From the Desk of the SGA President

Missing: Interest in Students

We, as students at Montclair State University, are fortunate to have a unique Student Government Association working for our interests. Our SGA is one of only a few in our area that has the privilege of being incorporated financially, and legally independent from the University.

This is rare on a national level for American universities. Further, we are also very fortunate to have the respect, and in most cases, the cooperation of many members of the University administration. I've often met SGA Presidents from other institutions that barely have access to their Dean of Students as compared to our SGA's open relationship with our Dean and equally to the University's President.

However, while it seems students have cornered the market when it comes to campus life, I wonder if our interests are as secure in other aspects of University management.

At one point during my student leadership I had the opportunity to sit in on a committee that was addressing a student grievance within the academic system. I was one of two undergraduates on the committee, in addition to four faculty members and a few from University administration.

I was immediately disenfranchised at the fact that neither of the undergraduates on the com-

mittee had voting privileges. Rather, like the administration members, we were present as ex-officio members. Therefore, the voting was in the hands of the faculty members.

I found that to be completely interesting seeing that the committee had been called because a student felt the academic system had failed. It was my opinion that having four more faculty members of that very academic system served no concept of due process.

In the end, once it was time for the committee to deliberate, the professors haphazardly discussed the facts and without a vote, made an opinion. Before I even had the chance to express my opinions on the student's claim, faculty members were putting their coats on.

On behalf of the student body I felt helpless and insignificant. I've tried to turn that frustration into the conviction that has caused me to lead the kind of SGA that I have to date - one that stands for the interests of the students.

Other committees are just as underhanded. General disciplinary committees often have as little as one student in them. Apparently, the concept of being judged by one's own peers that has defined the American judicial system hasn't carried over into our universities.

Luckily, the committee for student appeals on parking tickets has two voting undergraduate members, whom I nominate. Yet this too is

extremely upsetting considering that parking ticket appeals used to be solely in the hands of the SGA before the University issued a contract for Standard Parking.

Post deadline withdrawals are done at the discretion of one senior member of the University student life system.

Equally upsetting, there are faculty members of the University Senate that wish to take this power away from the student life sector and put it into the academic system to be decided by faculty members.

If students feel the academic system has failed them, why should the validity of their claim be decided by faculty members of the same system? As a student member of the University Senate, I intend to fight hard against any endorsement to change that policy in the academic sector of the University.

All of this begs a concern over student interest in University management. As the paying attendees of the University, wouldn't it behoove those in charge to take a more customer-oriented approach to management?

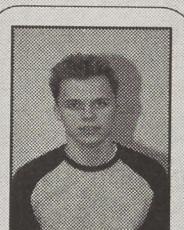
Shouldn't grievance committees and student complaints be treated more as focal groups and legitimate evolutions of University service? This question presents two extremes.

On one hand, we are treated completely as customers and as such, we pay tuition and simply show up for class to receive our A for the course. This clearly isn't feasible or beneficial.

Yet does that mean we should be on the other extreme, feeling as if our college career is one long line at the DMV on a Friday afternoon?

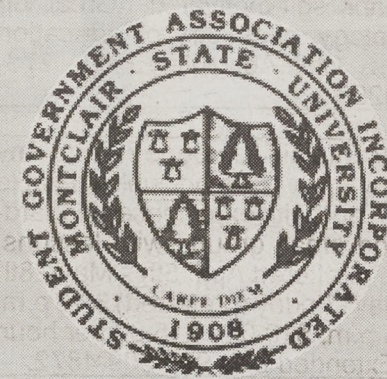
A comfortable medium, involving sufficient and well-solicited student input, needs to be established and I truly feel that University management has a long way to go before such is the case.

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SGA President



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The USA Patriot Acts: Anything but Patriotic

Weeks after 9/11, the Bush Administration created a set of laws called The USA Patriot Act. The Patriot Act is, "supposed" to protect us from terrorists but instead it is unconstitutional and strips Americans of their freedom and privacy.

The USA Patriot Act is made up of several laws that have been rejected for years by Legislature. After the attack, Attorney General John Ashcroft gave Congress one week to sign the bill threatening if they didn't Congress would be to blame for future terrorist attacks. Congress signed the Act with half of them not even reading the final version.

The laws in the Patriot Act now allow for the government to secretly detain people without charges, monitor conversations between lawyers and prisoners and deny lawyers to American's accused of crimes. It can also allow for the search and seizure of citizens legal papers without probable cause and jail people indefinitely without a trial or being charged

without providing a witnesses against them. There can be investigations of e-mail, bank, school and library records, and consumer purchases. Your home can be searched without you even knowing it through secret courts warrants.

In February 2003, the Bush Administration announced The USA Patriot Act II. This act allows the government to have even more control over our rights.

Act II allows the government to increase the amount of police spying by collecting genetic information about you and store on a database, allowing infiltration and surveillance in synagogues and churches, limiting your right to know of environmental hazards, strip Americans of their citizenship if engaged in civil disobedience, gagging Americans and cutting off their right to sue.

Amendments that are being violated, First Amendment: Freedom of speech and religion; Fourth Amendment: Freedom of unreasonable searches and seizures; Fifth

Amendment: No person deprived of life, liberty without due process;

Sixth Amendment:

Right to a speedy trial, right to be informed of accusations, right to confront witnesses against you and have assistance of counsel; and the Fourteenth Amendment: All persons (citizens or not) within the U.S. are entitled to due process and the equal protection of laws.

The Patriot Act has a "sunset provision", which means it will expire in five years if not renewed. But, The Patriot Act II does not have "sunset provisions," which means we can be stuck with it and both of them, if not acted on.

If the government really wanted to keep us safe, they would have paid a little more attention to the memos on their desk stating that al Qaeda was planning an attack on

us, or the word they received on suspicious students at flight school not

interested in taking off or landing a plane. No, instead our government wants to take away what made this country great, our freedom, our constitution.

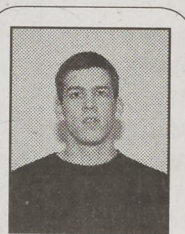
These acts are making us less free, and "we" must do our part by putting an end to these acts.

Write your senator and congressman letting them

know you oppose The Patriot Act I and II.

Every one of your voices is important and must be heard, remember, ONLY PEOPLE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD.

Erik Burneyko, an education major, is in his first year as a columnist for The Montclarion.



Erik Burneyko
Columnist

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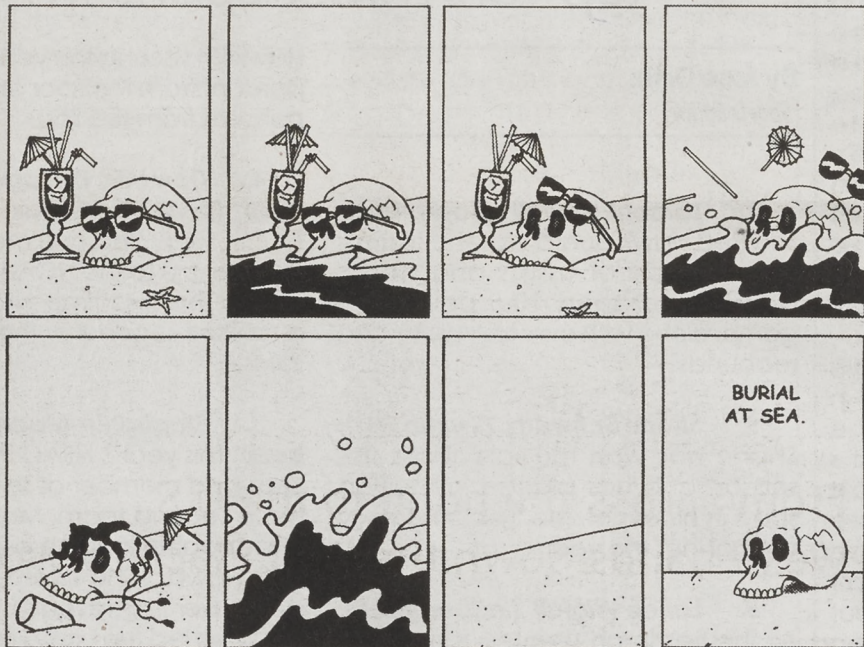


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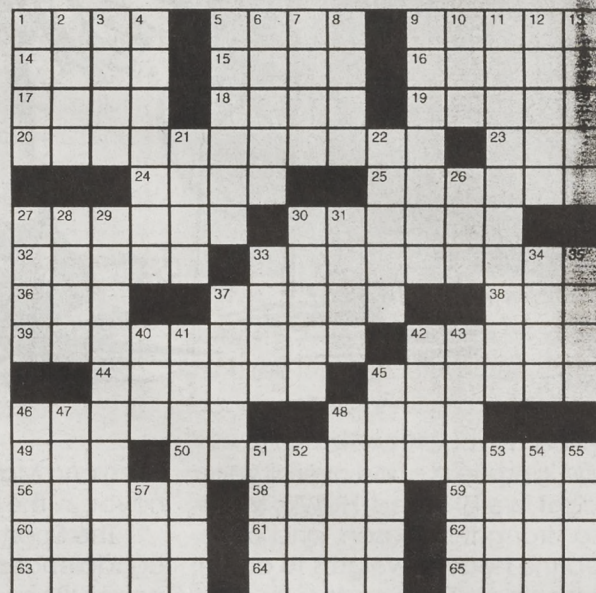
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24 Arkin or King
25 Stoppers
27 Kitchen ring
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32 Delete
33 Ring
36 Coop product
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38 Bite the dust
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42 Asimov's genre
44 Sibling's daughters
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65 Like molasses in January

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41 Lab glassware



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The Sports Guy

99 Problems But a Win Ain't One

Well sportlings, The Sports Guy is going to start off with his Bonehead of the Week. It, of course, is none other than Red Sox owner, John Henry, who missed out on slugger Alex Rodriguez because of \$5 million they wouldn't pay. Then he blames the rules for his screw up.

As far as the Yanks are concerned, The Sports Guy can't remember a better looking team. Top to bottom their lineup is going to produce lots of runs, and as a result, the Yanks are The Sports Guy's favorite to win it all. With baseball season only a month away, The Sports Guy says this will be one for the ages.

With Barry Bonds closing in on 700, and only two homers behind Willie Mays, we'll all be in for a historic season.

The Red Hawk's winter season came to a close last weekend. The Sports Guy, of course, is on the job with analysis.

The Red Hawk wrestlers finished the season 11-7 in dual matches this year, and with four players ranked in the top five of their weight class. Both Dennis Gaul, and Eduard "The Russian Destruction" Aliakseyenka topped their weight groups and will move on to the NCAA Championships.

The Sports Guy says the Red Hawks could have done much better this season, despite a good overall year. The light weight Red Hawks were not so strong this season, and often forced the heavier weights to come from behind. The Sports Guy says that the Red Hawks underachieved just a bit this year, similar to the way that Rosie O'Donnell is a bit over weight.

The Men's basketball team, after starting their season 7-2, went downhill. Coming off of a season when they won the NJAC, and reached the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament. But after Sunday's win on Feb. 8, the Red Hawks found themselves lost at '21 Dunk Street' losing the final three games of the season, and missing the NJAC tournament.

The Sports Guy says that the big-

gest problem the team faced was the lack of a go-to presence. After the loss of Duquan Everett, MSU had no one to go to late in close games. The Red Hawks were 3-7 this year in games decided by six points or less. On the bright side, they have no seniors, and stand to come back full strength next year to try it again.

Although it ended prematurely, the women's basketball team's season should not go without praise. The girls racked up their best regular season in fifteen years with a 20-6 overall record.

The Sports Guy says that this season, our Lady Hawks had a chance to go very deep into the playoffs, and surprise a few teams. But the mid-season loss of Coach Jamie Hoffman, along with the decision of Vanessa "T-Cup" to leave the team had a huge impact on the Red Hawks.

It's ok; even The Sports Guy can show some love because he knows it ain't no thang but a chicken wang, and our girls will be back with All-Conference players

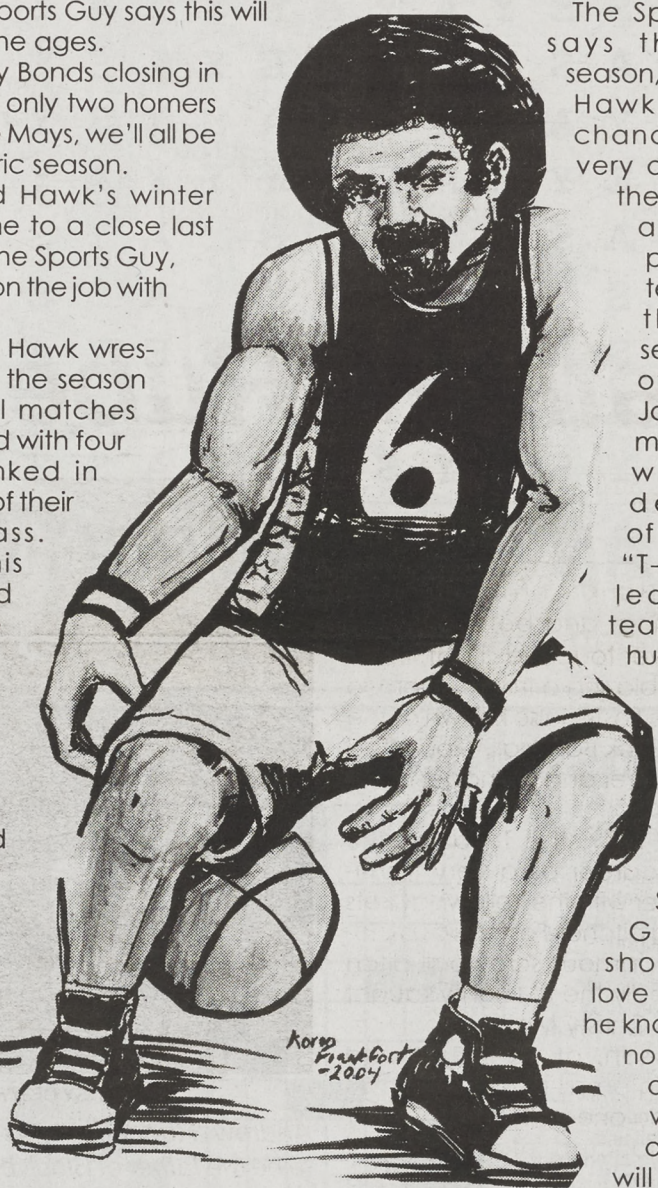
Allen and Machin next year to wreak havoc in the NJAC.

The Sports Guy wants to give his condolences to the late great track coach Bennie Benson. The coach brought MSU into track dominance, and has coached 42 NCAA Division III All-Americans. The Sports Guy says filling his shoes will be a monumental task.

The Sports Guy will close the winter season with a two thumbs up and an 'A' for effort from him to all the athletes who

worked so hard to almost win. If The Sports Guy offended any of you, good, because he doesn't give two flying farts in a windstorm about your little feelings. Till next time, this is The Sports Guy.

THE VIEWS OF THE SPORTS GUY DO NOT NECESSARILY REFLECT THOSE OF THE MONTCLARION



66 THE SPORTS GUY SAYS FILLING HIS (BENSON) SHOES WILL BE A MONUMENTAL TASK.99

Sports Trivia

Question: Name the first team to sweep in NBA finals history, and the year it occurred.

Answer to last week's question: Kareem Abdul Jabbar holds the all-time NBA mark with six career MVP awards.

Sports Trivia

MSU Top Ten List Top Ten Winter Sports MVPs

By Jose Ortiz
Sports Editor

Hawks in scoring this year. He shot 55 percent from the floor and almost 80 percent from the line.

10. Lamont Newell (Basketball): The Red Hawk guard was the team's main source of assists and steals. Newell averaged 10.5 points per game, along with over four assists and rebounds.

9. Shane Schwartz (Swimming): Shane has won multiple times this season and has placed in the top spots in his event, the fly, consistently throughout the year.

8. Lance Wigfall (Indoor Track): All this freshman sprinter does is win races and break school records.

7. Colleen Griffin (Swimming): It seems that this year's top female swimmer has been winning like it's going out of style. Griffin holds top times this season for the 50, 100, and 200-meter races.

6. Ebony Allen (Basketball): Last season's NJAC Rookie of the Year was not a victim of the sophomore jinx this year. Allen was just named to NJAC's All-Conference team for the second consecutive year. She averaged over 13 points and seven rebounds per game.

5. Gion Paul Gonzalez (Basketball): The junior forward led the Red

4. Dominic Dellagatta (Wrestling): The team captain finished 14-3 for the year, and one match short of another trip to the NCAA Championships. The two-time NCAA champ is ranked second in the 165-pound class.

3. Stephanie Machin (Basketball): This year's NJAC Rookie of the Year and member of the All-Conference second team, Machin was an unstoppable inside presence for the Red Hawks. She averaged over 14 points per game leading the team, and also led the Lady Hawks with 9.8 rebounds per game. Machin scored 11 double-doubles this year.

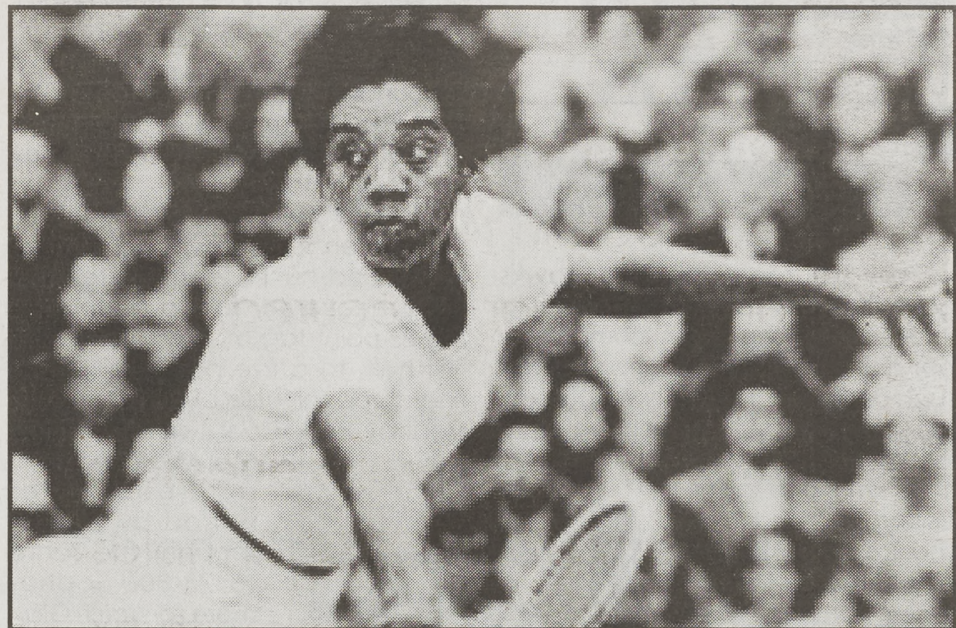
2. Eduard Aliakseyenka (Wrestling): The only undefeated Red Hawk this season, with a 15-0 record, Eduard is virtually unbeatable. He has a combination of size, speed, and strength that have guided him to a bid for his fourth NCAA Championship.

1. Dennis Gaul (Wrestling): Ranked number one in the 184-pound weight class, Gaul has been one of the Red Hawks' best wrestlers all season long. With 24 wins this year, Gaul's victories have helped the Red Hawks very much in dual matches.

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COURTESY OF SPORTSCENTURY

Althea Gibson became the first African American of either sex to win Wimbledon. The tennis great won 11 grand slams, and was 53-9 for her career in grand slam tournaments.

By Jose Ortiz
Sports Editor

Long before she won 11 grand slam titles, Althea Gibson had a foe that not even her serve could conquer – segregation.

Born in 1927, Gibson grew up in Harlem on welfare. She began playing table tennis as a child in recreational programs. Althea started turning heads after winning some tournaments sponsored by the Police Athletic Leagues.

Musican Buddy Walker introduced her to tennis when he brought her to the Harlem River Tennis Courts. She later became a member of the Harlem Cosmopolitan Tennis Club, where she honed her skills even more.

By 1942, Gibson had won began dominating the ATA, (American

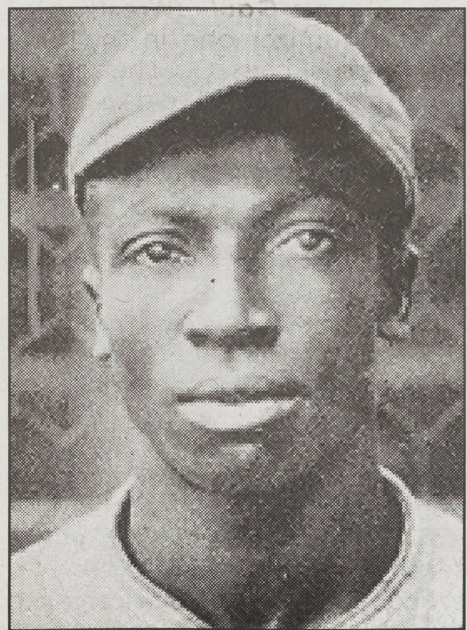
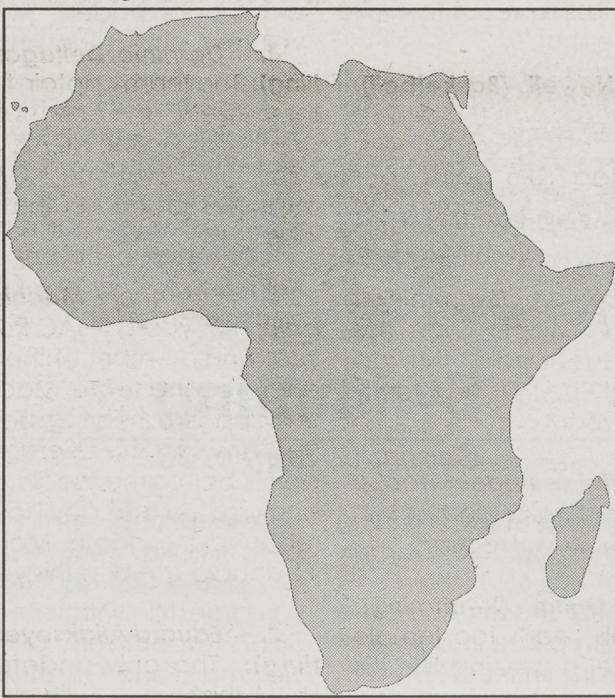
Tennis Association) winning her first singles title. She would later go on to win the singles tournament for 10 straight years.

By 1950 Gibson broke the color barrier and became the first African American player of either gender to play in the white tennis league. In 1956 she became the first black woman to win the French Open, and the next year she repeated the feat at Wimbledon. She later became the first African American to compete on the U.S. national team.

In 1957, Gibson again added to her list of firsts, by becoming the first black to be voted the Associated Press' athlete of the year. After winning her second national title, she turned pro in 1960.

Althea Gibson was a on the forefront of the changing times of

athletics in America, and in 1971 she was elected to the International Tennis Hall of Fame.



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Cool Papa Bell is known to many as the fastest baseball player ever. He was clocked running the bases in a remarkable 12 seconds! Many stories and legends have been told of the negro league star. going from first to third on a bunt, beating the throw on infield grounders regularly, or stealing two bases on one pitch. While some stories may be false, there is one that holds true. Bell once stole 175 bases in under 200 games. His remarkable speed made up for a lack of power at the plate, and for his not so imposing figure at 5'11, 140 pounds. He was officially inducted into the baseball Hall of Fame in 1974, the fifth negro league star to do so.

Ice Hockey on a Roll

By Kristin Shernoff
Staff Writer

MSU	5
UMBC	3

Only weeks away from the playoffs, the MSU ice hockey team defeated the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC) last Saturday, Feb. 14. The game was set for 9:10 p.m. but was stalled because UMBC only came with one goalie. The rule book requires that each team have two goalies, therefore the game did not start until 9:45 p.m.

Within the first minute of play, UMBC caught a lucky breakaway. MSU quickly turned the game around when junior, Tim Dybus set up Ryan Gesell, sophomore, to sink the first goal of the game. Freshman Brian Crosby scored the second goal with assists from Skylar Cauceglia and Nick Lawson. Captain Eddie Caldwell demonstrated keen defensive skills by defeating the persistent UMBC

players that waited around the red line for breakouts. When the first period ended with an MSU 2-0 lead, the UMBC early rush was long forgotten.

UMBC came out strong in the second period when sophomore Ta Ung scored twice on MSU's Joseph Sammarco, quickly regained the lead after deflecting a shot by Gesell right past UMBC's goalie. After battling intense repetitive shots Ballance let it one more goal. Sammarco once again took back the lead by scoring with seven minutes left in the period. MSU finished the period with a 4-3 lead.

In the third period freshman Joseph Ballance stole the game with his tremendous goaltending. UMBC remained scoreless and MSU's Tom McQuillan scored the fifth goal. Ballance had amazing saves coming from behind the net and finished off the game with intense energy. MSU's Michael Grey got kicked out for fighting after a dispute among both teams with 54 seconds left in the game. MSU held on for a victorious 5-3 win.

Father "Rube"

By Jose Ortiz
Sports Editor

Before Hank Aaron became homerun king, and before Jackie Robinson ever touched a bat, there was a man blazing a trail for them to follow. Rube Foster, also known as the "Father of Black Baseball," flourished as both a player and manager in the early 1900s.

Born in 1879, the Texas native began his career as a very formidable pitcher with the Yellow Jackets in 1901. As a pitcher, Foster was a pioneer of the famous screwball pitch and reportedly the 6'4 righty taught the pitch to Christy Mathewson.

Mathewson, of course, would go on to win an all-time 376 games and become one of the five charter members inducted into the Hall of Fame. He's on the record for having gone 51-4 in the 1902 season with 44 consecutive wins.

In 1910, Foster assembled a team that went 123-6, which he considered it to be the greatest baseball talent ever assembled. The Chicago American Giants became a force in the Negro Leagues playing behind Foster's bunt-and-run philosophy. The team won all but one recorded championship between 1910 – 1922.

Foster also established the first viable Negro League, and kept it at



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Andrew "Rube" Foster is considered to be the father of Black baseball. He founded the first Negro leagues, and was a part of some of the greatest negro teams ever assembled. Rube was inducted into the baseball Hall of Fame in 1981.

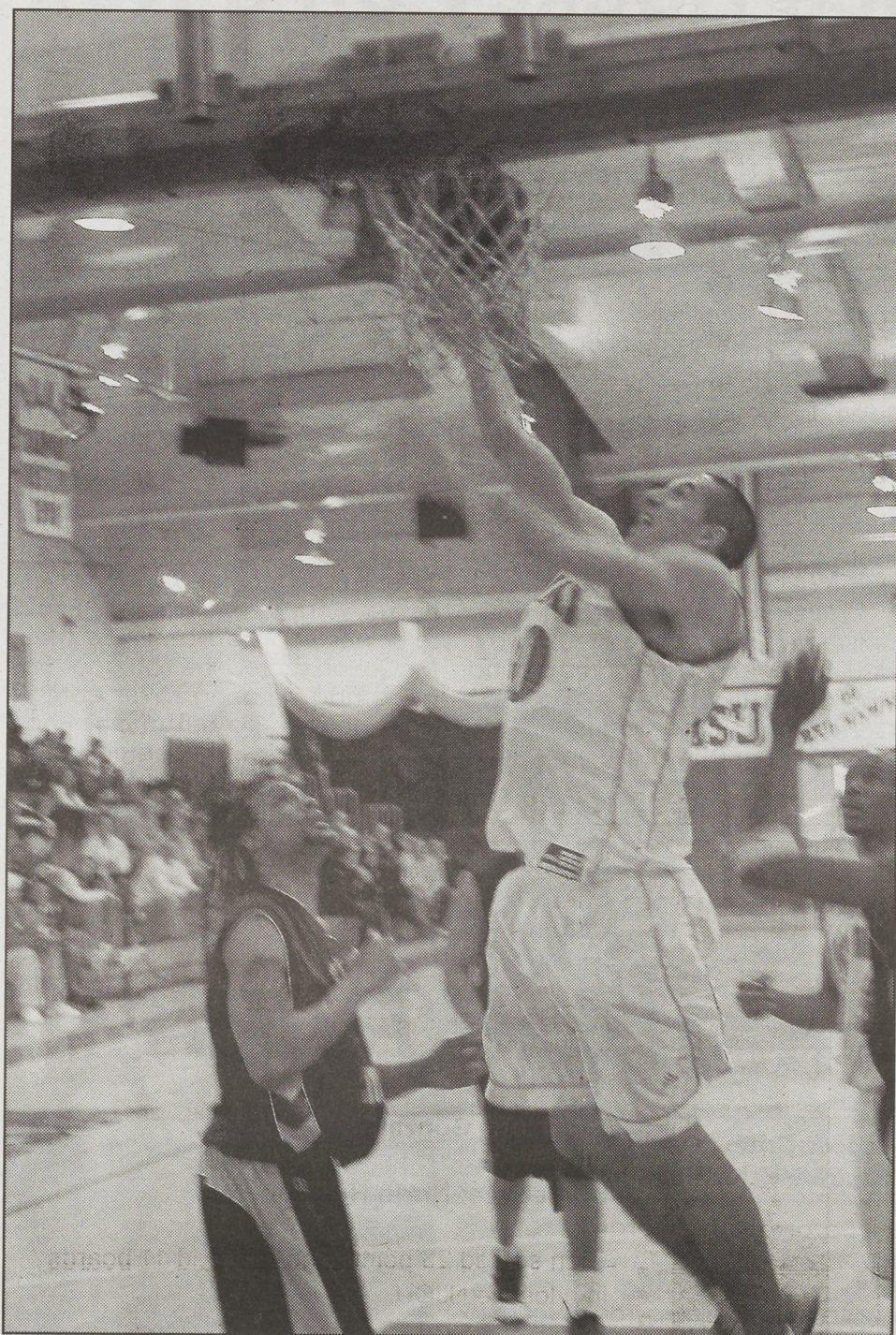
a first class standing. He will always be remembered for his monumental contributions to the game. His teams dominated until 1930 when he passed away. In 1981, Foster was voted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Josh Gibson (left) was the premier slugger of the Negro Leagues. He is credited 962 homeruns throughout his 17-year career in all levels of competition. Gibson compiled a .391 lifetime batting average in the Negro Leagues. His greatness never reached the Major Leagues, and he died at age 35, just months before Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier.



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Red Hawks Come Up Short at Home



STEVE MILLER/THE MONTCLARION

Gion Paul Gonzalez, the Red Hawks leading scorer this season, was instrumental in their comeback from 23 points down. Gonzalez led the Red Hawks with 22 points and 11 rebounds.

Pike Wins in Style

Intramural Basketball, Pi Kappa Alpha Blows Out Theta Xi 53-13

By Mike Pena
Staff Writer

The highly anticipated contest between the Greek Fraternities, Pi Kappa Alpha and Theta Xi, was clearly a lop-sided one. "It wasn't a game, it was purely a massacre," said Mike Mattia of Pike after beating Theta Xi 53-13.

Pike started with a 14-0 run in the first few minutes of the first half. Meanwhile, their stingy defense only allowed one point throughout the whole half. By the end of the first half, Theta Xi managed to score two more points to narrow down the score to 21-3.

Theta Xi pulled themselves together in the beginning of the second half to gather up five unanswered points, although the Pike defense was too powerful to compete with.

Allowing 10 points in the second half to keep the game at a 40-point

deficit, the Pike defense was led by team captain Ryan Willard, Steve Cantillo, and Vinny Mastria.

Willard racked up eight rebounds and 2 steals, while Cantillo and Mastria each had five boards.

Offensively for Pike, Mike Mattia and Kevin Tuohey led the charge.

Mattia scored 13 points and dished two assists. Tuohey, Pike's starting point guard, scored 15 points and added five assists.

Theta Xi put up a good effort to keep their pride by never giving up. However, Pike was just too strong.

"I only have two words to say... 'Beat Pike'," Pike team

captain Ryan Willard stated after the lopsided victory.

Adding another win on Tuesday, Pike remains one of two undefeated teams remaining in the WCW. The other is fraternity rival, Delta Chi who sits tied with Pike with a 3-0-1 record. The two will square off on Monday, to settle the score.

By Tiana Conner
Staff Writer

MSU	78
NJCU	80

On Saturday, the Red Hawks gave their best in order to make it to Round One of the NCAA tournament, but going up against a strong team such as the NJCU knights, MSU's best just simply wasn't good enough.

With seven seconds left in the game, trailing by two points, the Red Hawks had one final chance during Saturday's New Jersey Athletic Conference Men's Basketball match to advance to the NCAA tournament.

Red Hawks Coach, Ted Fiore, called a questionable timeout in efforts to seize the win for the Red Hawks. The problem is that instead of Fiore having his key player just go ahead and take the shot. He calls the time out. Why didn't he have his key player take the chance and shoot the three, without interfering?

Fiore stated, "We discussed what we would do if we got the ball if they (NJCU) didn't score." He added, "We used the last time out to make sure we got the shot."

The plan was for junior guard, Lamont Newell, to shoot the three and capture the win for MSU.

But just as Fiore stated, "Everything doesn't go as planned." Newell missed the shot and the Red Hawks ended the season with a disappointing 78-80 loss.

But their effort in this final nerve-

wrecking game should not go unnoticed. NJCU's 6'6 senior guard, Samar Battle, was unstoppable in the first half racking up 27 points, five rebounds and three steals alone. The Red Hawks, trailing 36-51 at the end of the first half, knew that they needed to step on it.

Beside the fact that there was only seven Red Hawks up against Battle and his 11 team mates, the guys recovered from a discouraging 23-point tag at one point in the first half, to a five point trail in the final three minutes of the game. A steal by Red Hawks' guard, Anwar Montgomery and a three-pointer netted by Newell brought the score to 75-80. Sophomore forward, Gian Paul Gonzales, who led the Hawks' with 23 points and 11 rebounds, finished the deal with a lay-up in the final 1:30 of the game, bringing the score to 77-80.

Newell, the second leading scorer for the team on Saturday, sank one out of two of his free throws, rounding the score to 78-80.

Fiore recognized the teams' effort in this game, stating, "It is unfortunate that the kids [who played] were put in this situation. On a scale of one to 10, [they must] be given a 10 for their effort and determination", the veteran coach added, "I think it speaks volumes about the kind of kids we have."

Despite their hard work during Saturday's game, the Red Hawks close the season with a 13-10 record and will not be in the NJAC tournament just one year removed from a conference championship. The Knights, however, have moved on to tournament play.

66 EVERYTHING DOESN'T GO AS PLANS. 99

Ted Fiore
Men's Basketball Coach

Swimming

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continued her fierce streak, finishing 18th in the women's 100-yard butterfly with a time of 1:04.65. In the men's 100-yard butterfly Sheerin earned a respectable 13th place in a time of 54.33, as Schwartz finished 11th with a personal best of 53.56.

The women continued to represent themselves individually as sophomore, Adrienne Richardi, finished 23rd in the 200-yard freestyle, Griffin grabbed a 12th in the 100-yard backstroke, and Yannuzzi also raced to a 12th place finish in the 100-yard breaststroke with a personal best of 1:13.22. Montgomery set the standard on the men's side for the remainder of the night with an 8th place and personal best of 54.88 in the 100-yard backstroke; as the trio of Abdelaal, DeCagna, and Chris Petrillo finished 9th, 11th, and 18th, respectively in the 100-yard breaststroke. Ending the evening were the 800-yard freestyle relay teams, both finishing in the top 10.

The final day started with captains Florio and Peter Sinagra swimming to a spot of 15th and 18th place in the 1650-yard freestyle, while freshmen Sue Sollenberger captured 17th. Richardi finished her season with a personal best of 2:22.80 and an 18th finish in the 200-yard backstroke as Yannuzzi completed her season with

an exceptional 14th in the 200-yard breaststroke. Sprinters, Griffin and Gil earned 17th and 23rd in the 100-yard freestyle with times of 55.1 and 58.07, respectively. Griffin, Yannuzzi, Newman, and Gil returned to seize a seventh place finish in the 400 freestyle relay in a time of 3:51.05. The men's team finished strongly with Montgomery's eighth in the 200-yard backstroke and Schwartz's sixth in the 200-yard butterfly; both marginally missing Division III nationals. Freshmen Sheerin and Abdelaal demanded attention in the 100-yard freestyle with 18th and 23rd place finishes in times of 48.76 and 49.80 respectively; while DeCagna and Petrillo swam to ninth and 17th place finishes in the 200-yard breaststroke. The men's 400-yard freestyle relay ended the season in a 3:18.61 with an eighth place overall.

Rounding out the season was the diving finals; where Hoffman earned a fifth place in the conference on the 1-meter and Edwards with a seventh.

For the season, the Red Hawk men's team finished 9-6 overall, and earned their second straight winning season. The ladies ended the year strong winning five of their last seven matches to go 5-10 for the season.

NJAC

standings

Through 2/23/04

Men's Basketball

Blue Division NJAC Overall

NJCU	10-3	19-6
TCNJ	7-6	17-8
William Paterson	6-7	15-10
MSU	4-8	13-10
Rutgers-Camden	2-10	5-19

Gold Division

Rowan	10-3	20-5
Ramapo	9-4	20-5
Richard Stockton	7-6	15-10
Kean	5-8	17-8
Rutgers-Newark	4-9	13-12

Women's Basketball

Blue Division NJAC Overall

TCNJ	10-3	16-8
William Paterson	9-4	16-9
MSU	9-4	20-6
Rutgers-Camden	4-9	10-15
NJCU	0-13	5-19

Gold Division

Rowan	12-1	21-4
Kean	8-5	19-7
Richard Stockton	8-5	12-14
Ramapo	4-7	12-13
Rutgers-Newark	1-12	4-21

This Week's Red Hawk ACTION

BASEBALL

Saturday 3/6
Away vs. Eastern Connecticut
@1:30pm

Sunday 3/7
Away vs. Salisbury, MD
@1:30pm

MEN'S LACROSSE

Saturday 3/6
Home vs. Villa Julie
@2pm

Wednesday 3/7
Home vs. Desales
@4pm

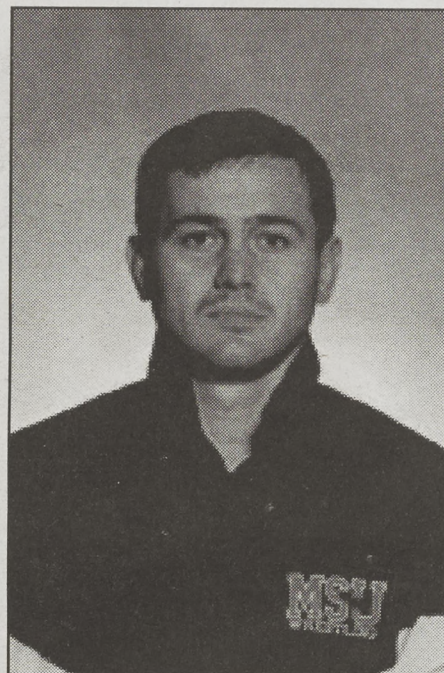
WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Saturday 3/6
Home vs. Alvernia
@11am

Wednesday 3/10
Away vs. Western Connecticut
@4pm

player of the week

EDUARD ALIAKSEYENKA
Wrestling



Senior

Hometown: Minsk, Belarus

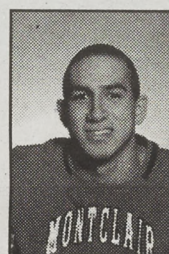
Eduard won his fourth Metropolitan Championship at the 174-weight class and is undefeated this year.

honorable mention

Stephanie Machin
Freshman

Hometown: New Providence, NJ

Stephanie recorded a double-double against NJCU on Saturday.

Gion Paul Gonzalez
Junior

Hometown: North Haledon, NJ

Gion scored 23 points and grabbed 11 boards in a loss to NJCU.

Dennis Gaul
Senior

Hometown: Moorestown, NJ

Dennis is 24-1 for the year, and won the 184-pound Metropolitan Championship.

Red Hawk RESULTS

Men's Basketball

2/14 - MSU 49, William Paterson 69

2/21 - MSU 78, NJCU 80

Women's Basketball

2/19 - MSU 83, Rutgers-Camden 80

2/21 - MSU 71, NJCU 64

2/23 - MSU 85, Kean 70

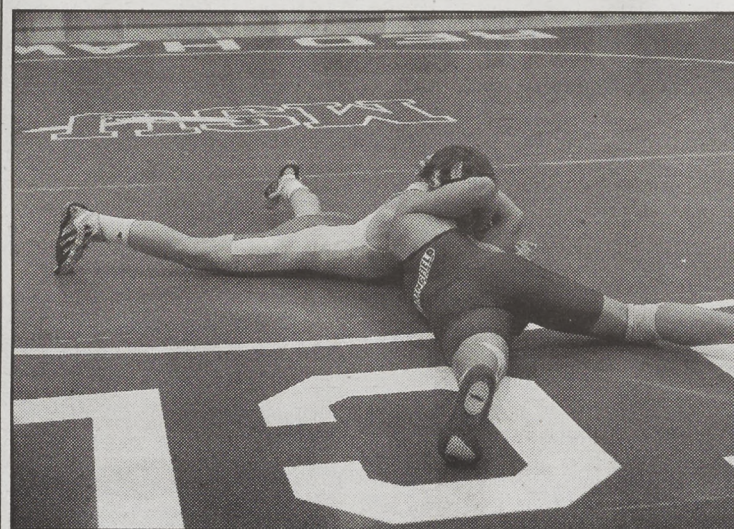
Intramural Basketball

WWE	WINS	LOSSES	TIES	SPORTSMANSHIP
DHG	5	0	0	19
SHEMS	4	1	0	20
CAMPLO	3	2	0	19
GAMBINOS	2	2	0	15
HITEM UP	1	3	1	18
BLAZERS	1	3	1	16
MATRIX CREW	0	5	0	18

WCW	WINS	LOSSES	TIES	SPORTSMANSHIP
PIKE	3	0	1	15
DELTA CHI	3	0	1	15
THETA XI	3	2	0	20
BULLS	0	3	0	12
TOMMY BOYS	0	4	0	16

ECW	WINS	LOSSES	TIES	SPORTSMANSHIP
UNFINISHED	3	1	0	15
GAME OVER	3	1	0	11
AND 1	1	2	0	12
THE IZM'S	1	1	0	8
DA CRUE	1	1	0	8
TEAM YAYO	0	3	0	8

Pic Of The Week



SARAH MAYTI/THE MONTCLARION

The Red Hawks fared well at the Metropolitan Championships. Both Dennis Gaul and Eduard Aliakseyenka will be representing Montclair State University at the NCAA Championships.

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red hawk Sports

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question of the week
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Lady Hawks Advance to NJAC Tournament



STEVE MILLER/THE MONTCLARION

Amanda Mullaney did big things in the paint for the Red Hawks on Saturday. She shot 6-13 for 13 points and 11 rebounds to go along with two blocked shots.

By Tiana Conner
Staff Writer

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The Red Hawks handed the NJCU Gothic Knights its 18th loss of the year for the season finale. With just under 15 minutes remaining, Amy Snyder's fast break bucket helped to secure a spot in the conference tournament. A consecutive fast breaker from freshman star Stephanie Machin jumped the Red Hawks to a 13-point lead.

Never again did the Gothic Knights catch up to the overpowering Lady Hawks.

For MSU, two Lady Hawks recorded a double-double with Machin, totaling 20 points, 18 rebounds. Meanwhile sophomore center Amanda Mullaney contributed to the score with 13 points and 11 rebounds, respectively. All together, the team racked up 59 rebounds compared to NJCU's 46. However, the

Hawks sacrificed 26 turnovers, while the Knights only offered up 13.

Sophomore forward Megan Kabba attempted to keep NJCU in the game, contributing 20 points and 11 rebounds. In addition, junior guard Erika Cubile finished with 14 points and grabbed up two steals.

But this wasn't enough to dominate MSU. Team captain, Dyette Dillard made a

fast break lay up, bringing the score 69-54 with just five minutes left in the game. A steal and lay-up by the Knights' Latrese McNair was a final

attempt for the win, which raised the score 71-64.

The Red Hawk women went on to face Kean University this past Monday. The women's team interim head coach Brian Sentowski spoke high of the girls' performance. He said, "I am impressed with their characteristics and they're ability to overcome, to understand and to stay

focused."

Amy Snyder, who chipped in with 14 points on Saturday says that, "Kean is tough. They always have been tough, but we have been playing well together this season and I'm confident that we can win."



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Stephanie "Machine" Machin was up to her usual tricks, scoring her 10th double-double of the year.

Red Hawk Swimmers Finish Fourth at Metros

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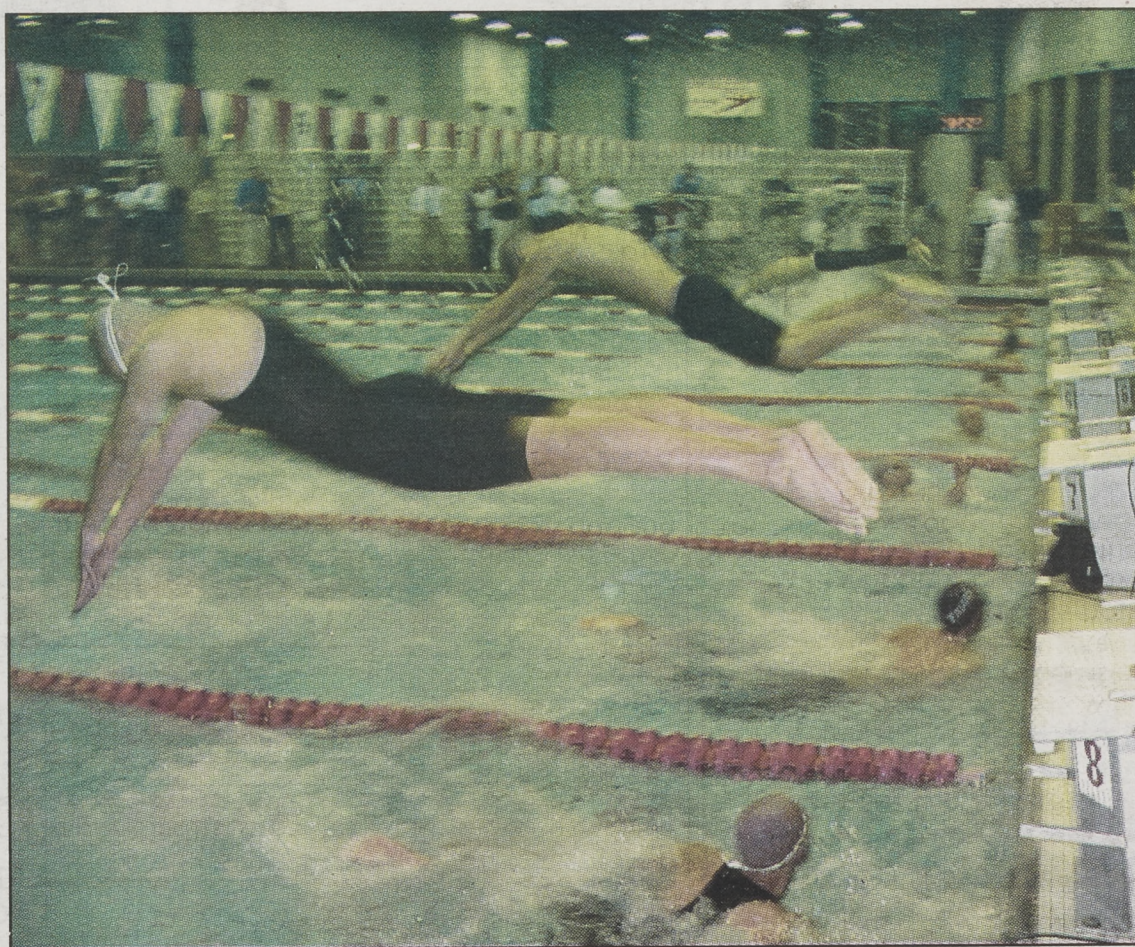
The Montclair Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving teams ended their season at the Metropolitan Championships this weekend, at Rutgers University. Collectively, the teams finished fourth among Division III, accumulating a total of 393 points over the course of the three day finals.

On the first night, the team's relays set the pace for the remaining two days with both men and women's 200-yard freestyle relays placing eighth in the conference, with times 1:46.03 and 1:31.96 respectively. Senior Danielle Florio was the sole Red Hawk to compete in the women's 500-yard freestyle, finishing 23rd with a season best of 5:39.88; while senior Colleen Griffin and junior Diana Gil, represented the women in the 50-yard freestyle, finishing sixth and 21st in a field of 95 swimmers. On the men's side of the 50-yard freestyle, freshman, Mohamed Abde-lal, placed 18th with a time of 22.53, competing against 91 men. The swim team concluded the first night with the

women placing eleventh in the 400-yard medley relay and the men's outstanding sixth place in a time of 3:39.47, swam by Scott Montgomery, Drew DeCagna, Shane Schwartz, and James Sheerin.

Closing the evening was the first round of diving, captain Monique Fallaha, finishing eighth and scoring 265.10 points in the 1-meter competition. Sophomore Bryant Edwards finished fourth on the 3-meter, setting a new Montclair school record of 350.05 points; while freshman Austin Hoffman, placed sixth with a score of 321.10.

Opening the second night of finals was a strong seventh place finish by the women's 200-yard medley relay team in a time of 1:58.89, consisting of Griffin, Rachel Yannuzzi, Lindsey Newman, and Gil. Following was another sixth place win for the men in the 200-yard medley relay. Montgomery and Florio continued to raise the bar with 10th and 15th place finishes in the men's and women's 400-yard individual medley. While Gil



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The Red Hawk Swimming and Diving men's team finished in sixth place out of 16 teams, while the women were in ninth place out of 18 teams at the Metropolitan Championships.

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